

## Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
02-23-2015	2015-6	7:30 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	03-09-15, 7:30, town office
<b>Members present</b>	Chair Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett			
<b>Visitors/participants</b>	Selectboard administrator, Alison Joseph			
<b>Motions/votes</b>	<p>Motions moved by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett.</p> <p>Approved by all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of 02-09-15</li> <li>• Minutes of 02-13-15</li> <li>• To reclassify Old Town Road (aka Old Center Turnpike) from the centerline of Vermont Rte 125 to a point 100' (feet) beyond the southwest end of Potash Bridge as class 3 road</li> <li>• Letter to VTrans endorsing an amendment to the Act 250 Land Use Permit for Rte 125 to allow weathering/oxidized steel guardrail to be replaced with galvanized guardrail (per 02-13-15 meeting)</li> <li>• Letter urging Nola Kevra to muzzle her dogs when walking them</li> <li>• Pay rates for assistant clerks Caroline Herzog, Irene Poole, Paula Scott, \$17-\$18 hourly; town report preparation pay rate for Elizabeth Eliason \$20 hourly</li> <li>• The delinquent tax collector may request the Sheriff's Dept. to deliver delinquent tax notice of full payment due by March 25, 2015 to prevent tax sale to Gordon Drummond, 4509 Lincoln Rd.</li> <li>• Orders: General Fund \$56,739.02; Roads \$10,460.00</li> <li>• Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory</li> <li>• Annual Financial Plan - Town Highways</li> </ul>			
<b>Agenda &amp; Discussion</b>				
<b>1. Agenda</b>	Added Old Business items: Old Town Rd. classification #4.a. and Delinquent tax #4. j.			
<b>2. Visitors</b>	None			
<b>3. Minutes</b>	Approved minutes of 02-09-15 and 02-13-15			
<b>4. Old Business</b>				
a. Roads	<p>General topics included snow and ruts on roads, culvert thawing needed at 847 N. Branch Rd., and the sand pile - broke frozen sand increasing the amount useable and contacted vendors about availability if needed.</p> <p>After discussion, it was moved and approved to change the classification of Old Town Rd. from class 4 to class 3 highway beginning at the centerline of Rte 125 and ending 100' southwest of the end of Potash Bridge (see motions/votes above).</p> <p>Annual roads forms signed (see motions/votes above).</p>			
b. FEMA DR4207	Ripton is an approved applicant for this Dec.9-12 storm event. FEMA rates, vendor contracts, and eligibility of damage in town cemeteries were noted.			
c. Cemeteries	The College donation of 1.09 acres to Galvin Cemetery is complete. A question about the process of adopting rules and regulations was discussed; the Cemetery Commission is the governing body.			
d. Town buildings	The cleaners obtained insurance. A request to paint Community House benches is deferred. Community House rentals were discussed.			
e. Dogs	No written complaints were received but the concerns of two Natural Turnpike			

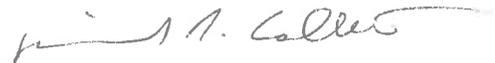
	residents about Nola Kevra's dogs not being muzzled while walked were reported. To avoid an incident that will require impoundment, Ms. Kevra will be advised in writing to muzzle her dogs while walking them (see motion/votes).
f. Staff/office	The work of the assistant clerks/treasurer and listers during the past several months is greatly appreciated. Pay rates for this pay period of \$17 were approved and \$18 per hour approved for future pay periods (see motion/votes).
g. Town report/meeting	Distribution of the town report by mail and warning in the newspaper were discussed. Informing voters and property owners about community issues by mailing the annual report is valuable. In future years, warning in the newspaper of record may be a back up to mailing. Meeting/voting/counting schedules were reviewed.
h. Recycling/ANR	Warren King completed the online reports the Agency of Natural Resources required, bringing the town into compliance.
i. Rte 125 guardrail	Reviewed and signed a letter endorsing an Act 250 permit amendment (see motions/votes).
j. Delinquent tax	One account paid and another due were discussed. The delinquent tax collector's letters to Gordon Drummond from Nov. 2014 - Feb. 2015 were returned with notice that Mr. Drummond's mailbox is closed and there is no forwarding address. The board approved that the Sheriff's Dept. may be asked to deliver notice of payment required to prevent tax sale to Gordon Drummond, 4509 Lincoln Rd. (see motions/votes).
<b>5. New Business</b>	
a. Officer reports	Zoning administrator: Jan. 2015, work Nov.-Jan.
b. Correspondence	ACTR report and thanks; VLCT workshops.
<b>6. Next meeting</b>	03-09-15 Agenda: items from these minutes, annual appointments, sign grand list certificate.
<b>7. Bills/orders</b>	Approved roads and general fund orders (see motions/votes).



Lauren Cox



Ronald Wimett



Richard Collitt