

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
04-06-2015	2015-9	7 : 3 0 p . m .	1 0 : 0 0 p . m .	04-27-15, 7:30, town office
Members present	Chair Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett			
Visitors/participants	Tom Corbin and Mike Schoenfeld, Middlebury College, 7:30 - 8:20; Alison Joseph, board clerk/administrator			
Motions/votes	<p>Motions moved by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett, approved by all except where noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the authority granted to the Town of Ripton by 24 V.S.A. § 2406, a resolution to quitclaim all right and title to “lease lands” or “glebe lands” conveyed to Middlebury College by A. Edwards, being Lot 83 of the First Division of Lots drawn to the right of the English School and Lot 81 of the First Division of Lots drawn to the right of the Settlement of a Minister, is adopted. (also see agenda item 3) • To act upon the above resolution, the town clerk is directed to comply with notice and publication provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 1061. • Authorized Lauren Cox to execute the quitclaim deed to the college on the town’s behalf after the town has complied with 24 V.S.A. § 1061. (motion/second/approval RC/RW) • Minutes of 03-23-15 • Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) • Liquor license for Daniel Chipman Inn, Inc. • Community House rental request for alcohol at April 30th event • VLCT workshop for delinquent tax collector • Orders: General Fund \$4,381.11 Roads \$5,262.39 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	Removed request for use of Goshen Rd for May 30 th race			
2. Visitors/community	No community members present.			
3. Visitors/Middlebury College: new business	<p>Tom Corbin and Mike Schoenfeld attended to discuss the Bread Loaf campus use and conservation easement, and other college land in Ripton. Building upgrades required by the state fire marshal are nearly complete. The Inn will reopen as a 60-bed, 12-month facility for college use. An endowment and a conservation easement will help maintain and preserve the campus and lands. To finalize the conservation easement, town title to historic “lease lands” or “glebe lands” on a parcel acquired from the Edwards family are requested to be released. There was also discussion of college-owned parcels not contiguous to the Bread Loaf campus, and USFS land. Mr. Corbin and Mr. Schoenfeld left the meeting at the close of this discussion.</p> <p>The selectboard considered the following regarding the “lease or glebe lands”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • these lands are currently treated as taxable property rather than subject to lease or glebe rent; • Middlebury College wishes to subject these properties to conservation easements by conveyance to the Vermont Land Trust; • The Vermont Land Trust requires that any holder of rights in the properties convey those rights to the holders of the leasehold; • Vermont Statutes Annotated (VSA) Title 24 § 2406 permits such a conveyance; 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a notice and publication period is required; • someone must be authorized to execute a quitclaim deed. <p>It was moved and approved to act upon the transfer as shown in motions/votes above.</p>
4. Minutes	Amended draft and approved minutes of 03-23-15
5. Old Business	
a. Roads	Discussion included: road conditions - hauling gravel and filling potholes, the gravel budget, culverts and water flow, grading, with work on Robbins Crossroad, the Dugway, Goshen Rd and Natural Turnpike noted; road classification - Old Town Rd follow-up to correct wording in draft minutes approved; grants - Potash Bridge decking proposed for structures grant, final Milone & MacBroom TAC grant report for Peddlers Bridge Rd culvert study report received; purchasing policy.
b. FEMA DR4207	Three quotes for tree work were requested and two received. Purchase of a camera with gps capability was approved to help meet FEMA documentation requirements.
c. Cemeteries	The boundary adjustment hearing for the addition of 0.6 acre to Cook Cemetery is April 14th.
d. Town buildings	Beth Eliason is determining a base flood elevation for the town buildings based on prior engineering work at the river and the town office parking area. This is for the 2014 Hazard Mitigation Program grant application currently under consideration by FEMA.
e. Dogs	There was good, though not complete, response to the letter reminding dog owners to renew licenses by April 1 st .
f. Staff/office	Purchase of computer programs designed for municipal use was discussed.
g. Zoning	Received the zoning administrator's follow-up letter and cert. of occupancy for 155 Norton Farm Rd, a property discussed at the previous meeting.
6. New Business	
a. Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector: \$26,728.40 due; treasurer: budget reports
b. Liquor license	An application for a liquor license for the Chipman Inn was approved (see motions/votes).
c. Correspondence	Del. tax collector: expectation of foreclosure of property with greater than \$5,000 delinquent tax owed, 220 Lincoln Rd.; request to attend VLCT workshop – approved.
7. Next meeting	04-27-15 Agenda: old business items from these minutes, 2 members will be present at the next meeting, per policy 1 member other than Mr. Wimett is approved to sign road orders.
8. Bills/orders	Approved roads and general fund orders (see motions/votes).

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt