

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
05-11-2015	2015-12	7:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	05-25-15, 7:30, town office
Members present	Chair Laureen Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett			
Visitors/participants	Tom Draude, Chris Pike, Zoe Pike, Lauren Slayton, 7:30 - 8:00; 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"> • Minutes of 04-27-15 • Impoundment of dog, Greta, from 2936 Natural Turnpike if not moved from Ripton by Tuesday, May 19, 2015 • Paving on Maiden Lane, \$22,000, by D&F • 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 The Conservation Fund by Yankee Forest, being all or any portion of Lot 63 of the First Division of Lots of the Town of Ripton, is adopted (also see agenda item 5) • To act upon the above resolution, the town clerk is directed to comply with the 30-day notice and publication provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 1061 • Laureen Cox is authorized to execute the quitclaim deed to The Conservation Fund on the Town’s behalf after compliance with 24 V.S.A. § 1061 (motion/second/approval RC/RW) • Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) annual appointments: delegate, Jeremy Grip; alternate, Marty Kulczyk; Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC): delegate, Steve Zwicky; alternate, Jonathan Heppell • Community House rental request for alcohol at May event (Carey) • Orders: General Fund \$23,400.68, Roads \$17,081.91 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	The order of discussion changed to address a dog complaint after 4b.			
2. Visitors & community	Community members (listed above) entered complaints about the dogs from 2936 Natural Turnpike			
3. Minutes	Amended draft and approved minutes of 04-27-15			
4. Old Business				
a. Roads	<p>Paving estimates were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 183 to 385 Maiden Lane \$22,000 • 992 to 4-corners 1090 Peddlers Bridge Rd \$13,600 • 181 to 448 Natural Turnpike \$12,070 • 1078 to 4-corners Natural Turnpike, \$15,300 <p>Maiden Lane was identified as the most necessary section and approved. If funds allow, other areas will be considered. Grading: The North Branch Rd and others will be graded after the next rain. Repair: The landslide on the class 4 section of Wagon Wheel Rd is repaired, but 3 loads of gravel are needed for repair at culverts. Sweeping: done. Bridges: VTrans 2014 inspection report summaries were reviewed.</p>			
b. FEMA DR4207	Brush and debris clean-up is going well. Larger tree debris is cut and left for property owners and small branches chipped. The exit interview for the category “A” work was conducted this morning.			
c. Dog complaints	From 7:45-8:00 the selectboard heard visitor concerns about their neighbors’ (Kevra			

	<p>& Rusciollelli, 2936 Natural Turnpike) inability to control their dogs (Greta & Orion). The visitors described several frightening and damaging incidents and the impact on their activities and peace of mind. Ms. Kevra and Mr. Rusciollelli (not present) agreed to find a new home for Greta, for whom there are multiple complaints. The board supports this effort. The neighbors do not believe it is an entire solution – that Orion is likely to remain a problem. If Greta’s absence does not change Orion’s behavior and the owner’s ability to comply with the dog ordinance, the board will request Orion be moved by his owners, or impounded. Visitors left at 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>The board approved sending a letter to Ms. Kevra and Mr. Rusciollelli with the requirement that Greta be moved within 1-week, or will be impounded May 19th.</p> <p>A prior complaint about a dog and horse from 1276 Lincoln Rd (Smith) was discussed.</p>
d. Cemeteries	The legal work for the addition of 0.6 acre to Cook Cemetery continues.
e. Town buildings	The town submitted a Hazard Mitigation Program grant application for a generator/back-up power for the town buildings.
f. Staff/office	Computer hardware, software, and maintenance were discussed.
5. Release of interest in lease lands	<p>The Conservation Fund, who acquired Ripton land from Yankee Forest LLC, requested the Town release its historic leasehold interest. “Lease” or “glebe” lands are lots laid out by the original town proprietors. Historically if not used for church or school purposes, the Town may collect rent on those lands, typically a few dollars annually. For many years these lands have been taxed in lieu of rent. The selectboard reviewed a map identifying “Lot 63 in the 1st Division”, reviewed a draft quitclaim deed, and 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; • Vermont Statutes Annotated (VSA) Title 24 § 2406 permits such a conveyance; • 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> <p>At its April 6, 2015 meeting, the board resolved to quitclaim its interest in lease or glebe lands owned by Middlebury College that will become subject to a conservation easement with The Conservation Fund. The required 30-day notice posting this resolution was advertised May 11, 2015.</p>
6. ACRPC delegates	See motions/votes (above) for annual delegate appointments
7. New Business	
a. Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector: \$26,737.12 due; treasurer: budget reports – the budget and audit for 2014-15 were discussed.
b. ACTR bus	Requests to run the bus year-round were reported, to be forwarded to Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR).
c. Correspondence	Dog complaint in writing from C. & Z. Pike (discussed at item 4c above); invitations - HOPE Open House, Wines of Canada reception; Governor’s proclamation and other public works week correspondence; The Conservation Fund (item above); cycling events; Sheriff’s Dept reports; VLCT legislative alerts: VTrans programs
8. Next meeting	05-25-15 Agenda: old business items from these minutes, new business
9. Bills/orders	Approved roads and general fund orders (see motions/votes)

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt