

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
10-26-2015	2015-22	7:30 p. m.	9:30 p.m.	11-09-15, 7:30, town office
Present: Members Staff Visitors	Chair Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett Alison Joseph, board clerk/administrator Warren King, Barry King, 7:30 – 8:10 Lynn Coeby, Eleanor Coeby, Timothy Billings, 7:30 – 8:55			
Motions/votes	Motions by R. Collitt, seconds by R. Wimett, approval by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change 20KW to 15KW in the 2015 Town Plan • Adoption of 2015 Ripton Town Plan • Green Up Day coordinators: Warren King and Steve Zwicky • Brook Field Generator Service 2016 maintenance contract • Advance of \$60,000 of education tax to Ripton School District • Orders: General Fund \$65,354.01 Approved by L. Cox and R. Wimett: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 10-12-15 Approved by L. Cox and R. Collitt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads \$18,914.39 			
Discussion				
1. Agenda	No changes			
2. Visitors	See “Present” above			
3. Town Plan Hearing	Mr. King summarized changes from the 2010 to the 2015 Town Plan. The 2015 plan is about 25 pages longer than the 2010 to make the language more specific, add an overlay zone to protect a rare plant species, and incorporate significant work by the Conservation Commission and Energy Committee, whom he thanked. The maps and the overlay zone and energy sections were further discussed, and the readability of the document noted. A change to the Energy Section, Article 4, was proposed and approved. This change from a 20KW to a 15KW threshold for residential solar arrays aligns the plan with Vermont Act 56. The hearing adjourned at 8:05			
4. Old Town Road	Lynn Coeby presented her concerns about Old Town Road classification, maintenance and scenic quality, and made three requests of the board. The first request was for wood rails to allow flower boxes to be hung and to retain character and charm. The second was to reconsider the proposed classification of class 3, class 4, and trail, with the portion to the last house being either class 3 or class 4. The third request was to remove the new signs to restore country charm. The board and visitors discussed the concerns, requests and the bridge. The bridge rails will be metal for safety reasons. The opportunity for further discussion and decision about classification will happen at a public hearing at a future date. A survey and legal work are being done prior to the hearing. The road commissioner may remove one sign until classification is settled. After discussion of proposed bridge maintenance, the visitors thanked the board for the bridge work and classification and left the meeting.			
5. Minutes	Approved minutes of 10-12-15			
6. Roads	Winter sand: hauling complete Grading: most roads done Old Town Rd: waiting for bridge repair schedule Brooks Bridge: needs riprap repair Baker Bridge: reminder of annual measurement check			
7. Old Business				
a. Budget	Reviewed			

b. Town properties	Discussed Phelps Engineering progress with base flood elevations.
8. New Business	
a. Correspondence	Brook Field Service contract - approved; Green Up Day requests - approved; workshop and grant information, Phelps Engineering letter, Charles Billings and Liz Walker re. Old Town Rd. letter - received
9. Next meeting	11-09-15 agenda: items from these minutes, new business
10. Bills/orders	Approved orders (see motions/votes above)

Lauren Cox

Richard Collitt

Ronald Wimett