

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
03-28-2016	2016-06	7:00 p. m.	9:00 p.m.	04-11-16, 7:00 p.m., town office
Present: Members	Chair Laureen Cox, Ronald Wimett, Perry Hanson – attended by speaker phone until 8:35 p.m., item 6.d.			
Visitors & Staff	Lynn Coeby – present for item 2; Alison Joseph, clerk/admin			
Motions/votes	<p>Moved/seconded by R. Wimett and P. Hanson , approved by all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 03-14-16 • Appointments: • Planning and Historic District Commissions and Zoning Board of Adjustment - per recommendation of Commission and Board Chair, Warren King, appointed Marty Kulczyk to a vacant term expiring in 2017 and Michael J. Cummings to a term expiring in 2018; received the resignation of Alison Joseph as a commission/board member and appointed her an alternate member to a term expiring in 2019; reappointed Charles Billings as a commission/board member to a term expiring in 2019; reappointed Marlene Harrison and Leonard Tiedemann as alternate commission/board members to terms expiring in 2019 • ACSWMD (solid waste district) reappointed delegate Steven Zwicky, alternate delegate Jonathan Heppell • ACRPC (regional planning) reappointed delegate Jeremy Grip, alternate delegate Marty Kulczyk • Account signers: authorized Carolyn Smith, Paula Scott, Alison J. Dickinson – as signers for Town of Ripton accounts at Peoples United Bank, National Bank of Middlebury, Citizens United Bank, the Peoples United Bank credit card, and store accounts <p>Moved/seconded/approved by R. Wimett and L. Cox:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: General Fund \$3,402.29; payroll \$7,057.30 <p>Approved by L. Cox:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads: \$5,252.10 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	No changes			
2. Visitors – to discuss Old Town Rd sign	<p>Lynn Coeby and the board discussed two signs posted at Potash Bridge on Old Town Rd. The first sign is a bridge weight limit sign posted several years ago by Ms. Coeby. The second is a road weight limit sign recently installed by the road commissioner. Ms. Coeby’s concerns included that the lower weight limit on the new sign might stop truck and emergency vehicle drivers from crossing the bridge. Mr. Wimett and Ms. Cox stated that the weight limit is the same as for other town roads, bridges and culverts over which trucks and emergency vehicles cross. Mr. Wimett explained that the 24,000 pound road weight limit sign is standard for class 3 roads throughout the state and its use saves the town annual inspection costs. Mr. Wimett posted the sign on the bridge when the ground was frozen and will move it across the bridge when the ground is thawed. Transparency and communication with residents and the proposed road reclassification were also discussed. Ms. Coeby left the meeting at the close of this discussion.</p>			
3. Minutes	Approved minutes of 03-14-16			

4. Roads	
a. Road commissioner	We've had 3 seasons in March – nice, snowy and rainy – with work going by the season. Grading: done at Robbins Crossroad, Chandler Hill Rd, Natural Tpike Signs: discussed weight limit sign at Potash Bridge (see item 2 above) Culverts: several cleaned, made outlets for rain forecast
b. Old Town Rd	Discussed survey and classification; the board proposed class 3 to turn-around point with no survey required. Also see item 2 above.
c. Grants	Reviewed projects for grant applications: road inventory, N Branch Rd culverts, Brooks Rd riverbank stabilization, Lincoln Rd culvert, paving
5. Old Business	
a. Town properties	FEMA's benefit:cost analysis for the Community House does not meet the funding threshold. Withdrawing building elevation applications and continuing the application for generator were discussed.
b. Complaints	Followed up on a complaint about a barking dog at 91 Peddlers Bridge Rd – owner contacted
c. Town Charter anniversary	Following up on a suggestion made by Hilda Billings at town meeting, a pot-luck to celebrate the April anniversary of the Town Charter is April 23 rd , at 5:30 p.m. at the Community House. "Welcome to Ripton" signs and a village sign with the charter date are proposed.
d. Appointments	See motions/votes above
6. New Business	
a. Account signers	See motions/votes above
b. Correspondence	VLCT, VTrans FEMA workshops/events; Bread Loaf speed limit letter and Middlebury College response; Governor's proclamation for public works week; grant info; VT Animal Control Assoc.; email between USFS and town of Lincoln regarding a proposal for Emily Proctor/Cooley Glen Rd; zoning administrator report
c. Next meeting	03-16 Agenda: items from these minutes, new business
d. Review/sign	Reviewed bills, approved orders, signed Animal Holding Facility contract

Laureen Cox

Perry Hanson

Ronald Wimett