

## Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
07-11-2016	2016-12	7:00 p.m.	10:20 p.m.	07-25-16, 7:00 p.m., town office
<b>Present</b>	Selectboard: Laurie Cox, Perry Hanson, Ronald Wimett Administrator/clerk: Alison Joseph Dickinson			
<b>Motions/votes</b>	Moved/seconded by R. Wimett/P. Hanson, approved by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of 06-27-16</li> <li>• \$5.00 per trash bag fee for yard waste</li> <li>• 2016-17 municipal tax rates: \$ 0.2632 General Fund, \$0.1974 Highway Fund, \$0.0079 local voted exemption rate; <b>total municipal rate \$0.4685</b></li> <li>• Telling &amp; Associates audit proposal</li> <li>• Year-end General Fund orders 06-30-16: \$200.00</li> <li>• Orders: General Fund \$6,546.17</li> </ul> Moved/seconded/approved by L. Cox and P. Hanson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016-17 asst. clerk/treasurer pay rate for current employees \$20/hr</li> <li>• Year-end Highway Fund orders 06-30-16: \$8,306.04</li> <li>• Orders: Roads: \$2,985.64</li> </ul>			
<b>Agenda &amp; Discussion</b>				
<b>1. Agenda</b>	Added request for children's craft sale table at recycling			
<b>2. Minutes</b>	Approved minutes of 06-27-16			
<b>3. Roads</b>				
a. Road commissioner report	Grading: after July 1 graded Wagon Wheel Rd, Lincoln Rd, Dugway, Pearl Lee Rd Chloride: applied to Lincoln Rd Ditching: underway on Robbins Crossroad, erosion control matting to be placed Grants: getting materials in place Mowing: begun Paving: completed on Natural Tpike, extra tonnage used to fill potholes near the town shed; discussed edge of pavement in relation to road shoulder			
<b>4. Old Business</b>				
a. School & fire station	Discussed options, copy of current lease of 1.53 acres received, scheduled special meeting Tues., July 19, 6:00 p.m. at the fire station to examine the site and boundaries			
b. Town properties	Town shed site and cameras: discussed waste disposal, signs, proposed use of cameras Grounds: discussed paid maintenance for planting beds, playground			
c. Plant waste collection	Leaf and wood debris is accepted as of July 1. A fee of \$5 per bag was decided.			
d. Sign	"Ripton chartered 1781" sign - location outside town buildings selected			
e. Complaints	Noise: fireworks Maiden Lane, July 2-4, with particular complaints about July 4 <sup>th</sup> after 10:30 p.m.			
f. Email, website, technology	Mr. Hanson proposed Email addresses for town officers and identical computer set-ups for 3 workstations at the town office.			
g. Budget	Used projected year-end report to set the tax rate			
h. Other	None			
<b>5. New Business</b>				
a. Tax rate & bills	Received education tax rates : \$2.0260 homestead, \$1.6424 non-residential, increase from 2015-16 is \$0.1753 cents per \$100 and \$0.0886 per \$100 respectively; noted that tax rate benefits from the unification vote are not until the next tax year. A general fund surplus reduced the municipal tax rate .02 cents from the 2015-16 rate. Approved a total municipal rate of \$0.4685; see motions/votes above for breakdowns. Total tax rates are \$2.4945 homestead, \$2.1109 non-residential.			

	The selectboard agreed to a request from the board administrator, treasurer and assistant to put only the Nov. voted due date on the bills, not the Nov. voted date and a Sept. 1 due date. This is to end confusion about due dates, penalties and interest, and to simplify use of the tax administration software. It was noted that taxpayers may make multiple payments and pre-pay.
b. Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector - \$15,258.70 due
c. Audit proposal	Reviewed, contract approved
d. Financial mgt questionnaire	Submitted by treasurer, asst. treasurers, selectboard administrator, for selectboard review and signature
e. FHA & River Permit	ANR Flood Hazard Area & River Corridor General Permit Draft, received for review – no comment
f. Correspondence	New VTrans state highway access & work permit, 09/09 municipal day; newsletters; Sheriff's Deputy reports, VT Local Rds workshops, USFS news releases
g. Craft sale table	A parent asked if her children and friends may set up a crafts sales table during recycling hours, to be supervised by the parents. There were no objections.
h. Next meeting	07-25-16 Agenda: items from minutes, new business
i. Review/sign	Bills/orders, audit contract

Laureen Cox

Perry Hanson

Ronald Wimett