

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
08-08-2016	2016-14	7:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	08-22-16, 7:00 p.m., town office
Present	Selectboard: Laurie Cox, Perry Hanson, Ronald Wimett Administrator/clerk: Alison Joseph Dickinson Community member: Frank Wolf for item 2. present 7:05- 7:30 p.m.			
Motions/votes	Moved/seconded by R. Wimett/P. Hanson, approved by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 07-25-16 • Short Surveying proposal for survey of proposed 2 acre “Fire House” lot, \$2,985.00 to be paid by Ripton School District per meeting of 07-19-16 • Orders: General Fund \$3,270.91 Moved/seconded/approved by L. Cox and P. Hanson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads \$9,177.43 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda				
2. Visitors				
Frank Wolf and the selectboard discussed 1407 Lincoln Rd, a parcel adjacent to property Mr. Wolf owns and hopes to sell. A 2007 court judgment required screening the ‘junk’ at 1407 Lincoln Rd with a fence. The fence does not screen it from view of potential buyers who search online aerial images. Discussion included impact on property values, other nearby property for sale, interested buyers with school-age children, environmental concerns and role of the State, Mr. Wolf’s cost for replacing fencing, permits, zoning administrator review, potential clean-up actions and costs. Mr. Wolf requested the board respond with what he can specifically tell real estate agents and their clients to give a clear picture of plans to address and resolve the junk situation at 1407 Lincoln Rd. The board previously asked the zoning administrator to report on possible actions and anticipate follow-up. They suggested that Mr. Wolf contact the zoning administrator. Mr. Wolf left at the close of this discussion.				
3. Minutes				
Amended and approved minutes of 07-25-16				
4. Roads				
a. Road commissioner report				
Summer maintenance: Spread gravel, graded, and added chloride on County Crossroad and Old Town Rd.; ordered chloride; will grade and apply chloride to all roads on the school bus route before school begins				
b. Grants				
Contract documents for the Lincoln Rd culvert extension project and the road and culvert inventory are complete. The Brooks Rd bank stabilization documents are not received, but the project is planned to be done by the end of September.				
5. Old Business				
a. School & fire station				
Reviewed and approved Short Surveying’s proposal for survey of a 2-acre parcel; the cost is to be covered by the School District. (<i>Attorneys advised that for municipal use the school parcel is exempt from zoning district parcel size requirements per 24 VSA 117: §4413.</i>) The board received a memo from planning commission chair Warren King recognizing the intent to subdivide the school land to convey a 2-acre parcel to the Town and citing that the “decision does not address the town’s need for land...” The commission urged the selectboard to find sites for a salted sandpile that doesn’t drain into a watercourse and a gated site for yard and food waste”, discussed with the next item 5.b.				
b. Town properties				
<i>Town shed:</i> discussed waste disposal, signs, proposed use of cameras, request for recycling committee input, locations and requirements for yard and food waste. <i>Sandpile:</i> discussed potential and current locations. The state tests the water for silt at				

	the current location and the board does not know of any problems. <i>Town office:</i> discussed first floor work and meeting space, second floor use
c. Charter date sign	“Ripton chartered 1781” sign – verbal approval received from property owners for 2 sign locations. The Scribners requested recognition of the site in honor of parents in the town report.
d. Complaints	Lincoln Rd properties – discussed addresses 1276, 1407, letter from zoning administrator to owner of 4155 Lincoln Rd
e. Email, website, technology	Ongoing
f. Other – item from minutes	Tax rate: ACSU/state calculation of the education tax rate is being reviewed.
6. New Business	
a. Correspondence	Sheriff’s Deputy reports, VLCT events and workshops, VT Local Rds workshops Delinquent tax report: \$14,496.57 due
b. Next meeting	08-22-16 Agenda: items from minutes, new business
c. Review/sign	Bills/orders, contract

Laureen Cox

Perry Hanson

Ronald Wimett