

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
09-12-2016	2016-16	7:00 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	09-26-16, 7:00 p.m., town office
Present	Selectboard: Chair Lauren Cox, Perry Hanson, Ronald Wimett Administrator/clerk: Alison Joseph Dickinson Community members/visitors at town shed: Mac Cox, Jeremy Grip, Barry King, Warren King, 7:00 – 7:45; Bryan Alexander, Justin Allen, Mark Nelson, Lyle Webb arriving 7:10 to 7:20 – 7:45 Community members/visitors at town office: Justin Allen 7:50 – 8:30, Bryan Alexander 7:55 – 9:00			
Motions/votes	Moved/seconded by R. Wimett/P. Hanson, approved by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 08-22-16 • To hire Justin Allen as facilities coordinator, \$25/hourly • That the treasurer issue checks to homestead taxpayers with credits as a result of the revised education tax rate • Act 250 delegation authority for town clerk to accept service of Act 250 notices • Orders: General Fund \$8,330.23 Moved/seconded/approved by L. Cox and P. Hanson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads \$26,351.52 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	Added visitors to discussion of 6. a. Town buildings and 6.d. Technology, moved these ahead in discussion of the agenda			
2. Visitors	Included in items 3, 6.a., 6.d.			
3. Town Shed trash & recycling	The selectboard, recycling committee and other visitors (listed above) discussed solutions for inappropriate use of the town shed and recycling containers, and waste collection including yard waste. Discussion included user-friendly assigned locations for trash and recycling, payment by tax versus fee, non-resident use, cameras, doors, fencing, signs, fines and an ordinance, introducing schoolchildren to the facility. The recycling committee will provide wording for signs that the selectboard will order. Discussion closed at 7:45.			
4. Minutes	Approved minutes of 08-22-16			
5. Roads	Discussed after 6.b. and 6.d.			
a. Road commissioner	Mr. Wimett reported an upcoming meeting with VT Correctional Industries (VCI) staff to review and order road signs, and that sandpile clean-up is done.			
b. Old Town Rd	The road commissioner submitted a letter received from L. Coeby for filing.			
c. Grants	The Lincoln Rd culvert extension project is nearly done. The culvert inventory/capital plan is underway. The Brooks Rd bank stabilization project will begin before the next meeting.			
6. Old Business				
a. Town properties	Town shed: See item 3 above Town properties: discussed maintenance, management, need for capital plan, Galvin Cemetery, College property and roads with Justin Allen. HMGP grant: generator grant approved			
b. Charter Date sign	Installation discussed			
c. Complaints	Speeding – Peddlers Bridge Rd complaint received, reported to deputy; Shooting - Sparks Pit complaint received; Lincoln Rd properties – addresses 1198, 1276, 1407, 4155 ongoing			

d. Technology: Internet, Email, website, computers	Bryan Alexander reported problems with FairPoint Internet and phone service and response to outages, current and future business loss, town-wide implications for real estate value and education, response of politicians and Internet providers, lack of competition, and use of social media. He asked what he or the board might do to bring attention to and find solutions for the problem. The governor's race, Nov. elections, and a board statement were discussed.
e. Tax bills	A revised homestead education tax rate resulted in bills with credit balances. The board approved refund checks to those with a credit, see motions/votes above.
f. Other – from minutes	None
7. New Business	
a. Correspondence	Officer reports – Delinquent tax collector, Treasurer budget reports Letter from Mac Cox about garbage disposed at the town shed; ACRPC notices; Sheriff's deputy reports; VLCT News, policy, annual meeting, workshops, candidate forum format, issue paper; VT Local Rds workshops and Email topics
b. Next meeting	09-26-16 Agenda: items from minutes, new business
c. Review/sign	Bills/orders Act 250 delegation of authority form – approved town clerk authority to accept service of Act 250 notice

Laureen Cox

Perry Hanson

Ronald Wimett