

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Date	Meeting	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
11-14-2016	2016-20	7:05 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	11-28-16, 7:00 p.m., town office
Present	Selectboard: Laureen Cox, Perry Hanson, Ronald Wimett Administrator/clerk: Alison Joseph Dickinson Community members: Frank Wolf present 7:05-8:35; Warren King and Mark Nelson, 7:00-8:50; Norm Tjossem, 7:00-8:35 - Jay Harrington 7:30-8:35 USFS: Chris Mattrick, District Ranger, 7:10-8:35			
Motions/votes	Moved/seconded by R. Wimett/P. Hanson, approved by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 10-28-16 Moved/seconded by P. Hanson/R. Wimett, approved by all: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: General Fund 75,214.84 – including \$50,000 to Ripton Town School District; Property tax refunds due to state adjustments or duplicate payment \$7,791.80 • Education tax payments by Treasurer before next meeting: \$328,023.66 to Ripton Town School District, \$540,648.40 to Middlebury UD#3 Moved/seconded/approved by L. Cox and P. Hanson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads \$9,915.91 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	Removed P. D'Andrea from item 4. USFS land acquisition			
2. Visitors	For discussion of items 3 and 4			
3. F. Wolf re. 1407 Lincoln Rd	Mr. Wolf and the board continued a discussion begun in August about clean-up of 1407 Lincoln Rd. The property owner does not wish to enter a clean-up agreement. Mr. Wolf requested a letter stating a junkyard will not be permitted. Discussion included a complaint to the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, a diagram of options presented by Mr. Wolf and input from Mr. King and Ms. Joseph. The board will consult with the town attorney.			
4. USFS land acquisition	Discussion included: land held by The Conservation Fund to be transferred to the USFS, tax implications, the Ripton Conservation Commission's support, trail policies and public use; Sparks Pit and shooting in the USFS; land swap between the USFS and Middlebury College; the closure of the Middlebury Ranger Station; USFS barracks on the Goshen Rd; town land needs; the Steam Mill Rd gravel pit site. Mr. Mattrick, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Tjossem left at the close of this discussion.			
5. Signs for town shed/ recycling	Reviewed the Recycling Committee's sign proposals and approved ordering after some revisions. Mr. King and Mr. Nelson left at the close of this discussion.			
6. Minutes	Approved minutes of 10-28-16			
7. Roads				
a. Road commissioner	Grading: as weather permits Grants: Ron Wimett met with Dave Antone who is doing the Better Roads grant inventory. Mr. Antone sent a progress report – 45% complete.			
b. VLCT ins.	Mr. Jackson's invoices will show labor and equipment costs separately for VLCT.			
8. Old Business				
a. Town property	HMGP generator grant: contract documents signed			
b. Complaints	Lincoln Rd properties – discussed 1407 Lincoln Rd as item 3; others ongoing			
9. New Business				
a. Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector \$12,078.97 due for 2014-2015/16 due; treasurer \$93,535.14 due for 2016/17 to warrant for del. tax collector, budget reports; zoning administrator activity and permit status reports			
b. Correspondence	ACRPC update, VLCT News; VT Local Rds updates, funding requests, Sheriff's			

	Dept. reports; VT Trails & Greenways letter; VCIG map info.
c. Next meeting	11-28-16 Agenda; items from minutes, new business
d. Review/sign	Bills/orders

Laureen Cox

Perry Hanson

Ronald Wimett