

APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

January 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Andrew Smith at 7:00 PM. Other members present: Darryl Perkins. Also present: William Hetu, Carl Bayer, Regina Hazel, Cheryl Slayton, Patricia Crocker, Nelson Elder, and Elizabeth Page. Via Zoom: Lauren Nelson

Minutes of January 9, 2023 and Annual Budget Meeting January 16, 2023 were reviewed. Darryl made the motion to accept the Minutes of both meetings as printed, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda: Carl Bayer. Darryl made a motion to accept the addition to the Agenda, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Lauren Nelson asked to talk to the Board about possibly having Zoom at Town Meeting. At the Town House she found the cell service and internet (off the Fire Dept) to be very weak. Another option would be if someone recorded the meeting and post it on the website. Reggie stated that a Zoom participant would not be able to vote, the Town does not have the equipment to record the meeting and she would have to check with the website provider to see if a recording could be posted on the Town website. The Town meeting minutes will be posted on the website.

S. Ryegate Library Budget Request that was not presented to the Budget Committee. The library is asking for \$5000.00 to help with snow removal, lawn mowing, supplies, books and other expenses. Andy stated that unfortunately this should have been a separate article on the Town Meeting Warning. The S. Ryegate Library Committee will be able to ask for an appropriation at Town Meeting when the Budget is discussed. Darryl stated that Andrea Nicole Haynes fund would be able to help the library to purchase books.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report: The Board signed the Bill of Sale for the Roadside Mower and a Joint Ownership agreement with Danville for the Roadside Mower. The loader blew hydraulic line today, replaced fittings it is back up and running. The board reviewed a letter from Robert Parent, he approved of a gate on his property.

The Clerk asked for a Board of Civil Authority Meeting before Town Meeting. It will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm before the Select Board Meeting. The Board reviewed the Advanced Notice form T-Mobile Northeast LLC for updates to the Cell Tower at 2595 S. Bayley Hazen Rd.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to Agenda:

Carl Bayer asked when Dory Wolf could come to discuss with the Board about being an off taker for the Ryegate Community Solar Project. He will come to the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carl also asked if the ARPA Report was included in the Town Report, yes, it is. He asked the Clerk for a copy of that report.

There being no further business. Darryl made the motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

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Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board