

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD AGENDA
January 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Claudette Sortino and Paul Keenan. Also present: Richard Fraser, Richard Hodgson, William Hetu, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Elizabeth Page, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the December 10, 2017 meeting were read and approved with one typo correction, (If the(y) ballast is taken out they fit.) Claudette moved the minutes with the typo correction. Paul seconded the motion and it carried. Under Public Comment Andy asked to add an item containing new information about the South Ryegate Wastewater Facility. Ron Morgan had called asking for verification that his proposed project of a whiskey distillery at the site of the old East Ryegate Papermill was an included use in the Zoning By-Laws of if the By-Laws could be changed to include such a project. The Clerk will look into the question.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders for both the end of 2017 and the first half of January, 2018. John Weesner's widow sent a check for \$5,000 in memory of her husband. The Clerk will write a note, thanking her for such a generous gift. Her late husband started the memorial for his daughter, hoping the money could be spent for the enrichment and benefit of children.

Road Report: The 2017 truck has been down since Christmas with a PTO mal-function. After several trips for repair the whole circuit has been rewired. It appears to be fixed now. Nelson reported on various highway activities. They have been pushing drifts back. The sand pile is getting solid. Standard winter operations are in place. The Certificate of Highway Mileage was reviewed, signed and returned with no changes this year.

Andy reported on the South Ryegate Wastewater Venture. He has been trying to get documentation of the loan for the Auditors with little success. He finally made contact with the correct State people and learned there is a Pollution Control Grant coming to the Town in regard to this project. \$25,681.25 can be applied to the loan payment. The bottom line is the Town will only have to pay \$7,698.25 and this is available in the South Ryegate Sewer Account.

There being no Public Comment and no further business, Paul moved adjournment at 8:05 PM. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

----- Marsha Nelson, Clerk