

**APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2018**

Because of ice rain beginning to coat Ryegate highways, Chairman Andrew Smith called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM rather than waiting until 7:00. Other members present: Claudette Sortino and Paul Keenan. Also present: Nelson Elder, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Cheryl Slayton, Richard Hodgson, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting were read and approved after correcting the word \*Agenda\* to Minutes in the heading. Paul moved to approve with the correction and Claudette seconded the motion that carried. The January 15<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Paul that carried after a correction was made to the total budget figure of \$1,005,467.00.

Under public comment the Clerk asked to add shoveling the Post Office Walk and information from the Public Utility Commission concerning the proposed solar power project on Reservoir Road.

The Select Board would like to find out what type of stone is being used to replace some of the oldest stones in Blue Mountain Cemetery and to request that the utmost respect be shown to the old stones that are to be replaced, and for them not to be discarded. Nelson Elder and Cheryl asked about an ongoing bill concerning Municipal Roads General Permitting. It was decided to consider it an unfunded line item when it is received. Nelson believes it will be an annual bill from the State of Vermont, currently about \$2,460.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl received a bill from the Fire Department on Friday. It is the last bill for refurbishing the fire truck. The payment should come out of the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Fund. The Board viewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report: Nelson hired Chief Trucking to haul in 500 yards of sand from Blaisdell's pit. It is good sand at last year's prices. The crew opened up bridge drains and DIs. The grader has gone around town stinging where needed. There was no significant flooding in Town during the last warm up. There have been no frozen culverts. The Freightliner seems to be repaired. Nelson was asked if a member of the crew could shovel the Post Office path. He said they will try but it is a time issue.

The Select Board signed the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting. There was no public comment. There being no further business Paul moved adjournment, Andy seconded the motion and it carried at 7:45 PM

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk

