

**APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
February 13, 2017**

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

Minutes of the January 23rd meeting were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried. The Clerk requested that two items be added to the agenda: Information on the Proposed Solar Project on Reservoir Road and Bids for truck bodies.

Devin Coleman was present to ask the Select Board what can be done about salt in his artesian well. He was told Vermont League of Cities and Towns Insurance does not cover the situation. The Board would like to work something out even though the Town Attorney says the Town is under Sovereign Immunity and can't be sued for this problem. Coleman presented two bills that he would like to have paid: One for the artesian well contaminated with salt and the other for hooking up the spring that used to supply the residence before the well was drilled years ago in a dry year. A Reverse Osmosis filtration system is out of the question in this situation. Discussion followed later in the meeting with no decision being made by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. They approved having the Treasurer write a check to pay for Water Sample Kits. The Road Foreman will look into a check for \$5200+ the Town received from the Agency of Transportation. The Board received a thank you note from the Winter Carnival Committee for paying for the horse drawn wagon rides that so many enjoyed that day. The money was provided by the generosity of the Weesner family who has continued to send memorial money to the town, both in memory of John Weesner's daughter and now sadly in memory of John Weesner himself.

Road Report: The Crew is concentrating on plowing, sanding and salting the roads. Three bids were received for new truck bodies. Viking with a side dump sent a bid of \$53,600. Tenco's bid with a side dump was \$51,874.00. Fairfield with a side dump bid \$54,490. After discussion, Paul moved to go with the Road Crew's choice of Fairfield to build the body. Service has proven to be excellent on such a choice. Andy seconded the motion and it carried. A sensor had to be replaced in the Kenworth. It was replaced under warranty. Steve Kimball looked at an oil leak on the 2009 International. The Town is low on sand. Kevin Horne hauled 500 yards to the Town Garage. The brake pedal on the Loader was replaced. Nelson's 2015 ran into a birch tree on one of the icy days. The frame of the plow is undamaged, the impact curled back the cutting

edge. Robco has repaired it. The Crew will put the wing on the Grader. It has not been needed until now. Gene Perkins has been concerned that some people are plowing their driveway snow into the town highway and not cleaning it up. Nelson said it is illegal to plow snow across a highway. The Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage was signed for return.

Paul moved to approve the updated Zoning By-Laws. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

A copy of a Procedural Order was received regarding the proposed Ryegate GLC Solar Project on Reservoir Road. This was to do with questions needing to be answered by the applicant about landscaping.

Richard Fraser commented under Public Comment on the Vermont State Police habit of billing the town for picking up speeders on Rte 302, a State Highway.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried.

Marsha Nelson, Clerk