

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**TOWN OF RYEGATE**  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2015

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

Minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings were read and approved as written, on a motion from Andrew seconded by Claudette that carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Andy explained the two bills from Clark's concerning the new truck. Clark's needs either the new truck or the trade on the lot. This is a way of taking care of the situation. International has changed their rules. The Board instructed Cheryl to pay the \$75,250.00 bill to Clark's. That is the full price of the cab and chassis and then Fairfield will bill Clark's. The Board is OK with this payment plan. The bottom line is the same, it's just a new way of doing it. This seems to be standard operating procedure now. Later in the meeting, the annual inspection of the South Ryegate Wastewater System was discussed and the Board gave Cheryl Slayton authorization to write a check for \$300 to Dufresne Group as a retainer for the inspection.

Road Report: Some of the Road Crew was present to discuss Comp Time and four - ten hour work days during the summer months. Nelson wondered about Comp Time as there would be three paid holidays during the summer. After discussion which centered around the efficiency of such a move and when to start the summer hours, Andy moved to switch to four – ten hour days starting June 6, 2016 and ending September 2, 2016. This is a trial for one summer to see how it goes. Paul seconded the motion and it carried. The new truck will hopefully be here at the end of April, with Bruce as the primary driver. Jason has his CDL now. Andy would like to see time cards with notes for the week's work. There was some discussion about log trucks and skidders on town dirt roads and withholding Overload Permits if the privilege is abused.

South Ryegate Wastewater System – Andy has been in contact with Evan Meenan, who now seems to understand what Ryegate is trying to do and has talked to Brian Baker. Andy has talked with Lieutenant Matthew Amidon of the St Johnsbury State Police Barracks. Bradford is now considered an outpost. Andy signed a six month contract with the State Police for \$10,000. Claudette likes the system and wants it to continue. Marsha will check further into a water situation at Whitelaw Hall. A letter was received from the Vermont Agency of

Transportation – Traffic Operations, outlining what they will do on US Route 302 in South Ryegate Village. This is in response to Claudette’s attendance at a meeting and request concerning that area. Richard Fraser is concerned it’s not enough.

Andy mentioned the Town House project. The Town plans to build a handicapped ramp and install a new door in the west side of the building and he wondered if the town should hire someone to do a diagram so we could put it out to bid with specifics. \$5,000 has been allocated to the project.

Under Public Comment William Hetu asked if we would still be getting State Police updates in person under this change.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk