

**APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

March 27, 2017

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

Minutes of the March 13th meeting were read and approved after corrected to read * Paul will contact the Vermont League of Cities and Towns* rather than the Secretary of State. Paul moved the minutes with that correction. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

The Chair asked for public comment. Richard Hodgson asked questions about the amount paid for the Paton Land. He asked if the two cemetery funds paid for the whole project. The withdrawals should match up with the payments. *Richard wants to help the Treasurer create one unified reporting system for all town fund balances.* He feels those funds need to show up on the balance sheet. If they were part of the computer system they would show a more accurate picture of the Town and its expenses. They could be added at the same time as the new computer NEMRC system.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Cheryl has prepared the reimbursement request for the South Ryegate Wastewater Study. Andrew Smith signed that in readiness to be submitted. Cheryl passed out Balance Sheets through February 28th.

Gail Brown was present to discuss the Ryegate Summer Festival to be held Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm in South Ryegate. The Committee would love to have it be considered a town event and under the town's insurance umbrella for liability reasons. The Committee sees the drug problem as a universal issue and hopes that this event may serve to bring community together. She asked about traffic control for Route 302 as some events will be held on both sides of the road. Andy said a deputy sheriff could be available if definite times are established. Gail said maybe 10 – noon. Andy mentioned the Nicole Andrea Hayne fund if there is some part of the day that benefits kids and needs some financial help. Paul moved recognizing the Ryegate Summer Event as a town event on July 8, 2017. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Gene Perkins and Chris Chartier were present with Fire Department Guidelines from 1999, and new proposed ones that have been written up. The town attorney may be asked to look them over after the Select Board has had a chance to review them.

Road Report: Nelson described various ailments the trucks have acquired during the winter of 2017. Most problems have been taken care of. The new truck will be in the State by June 15th. It may be August before it's delivered. There was an accident on the Newbury end of Boltonville during a slippery morning. Newbury had not been able to get to that part of the road. Ryegate delivered some sand there. The road crew is signing up for several classes this spring. Ryegate Grader School will be held April 27th at the Town Garage and Fire Department. Nelson is taking an eight hour Communication and Conflict Course in Peacham.

Andy has looked into salt sheds a bit and thinks Ryegate should build one. Nelson suggested asking Shauna if there are grants available. Nelson will do some research.

The Select board acted on setting up a Special Town Meeting concerning salt concerns and set the date of Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Ryegate Town Hall to allow for proper posting of the meeting. The Town Attorney will be invited to attend as well as an Insurance Rep from VLCT. There was some discussion on this topic, but no action taken.

Andy signed the SRF for the Wastewater Project. The Board authorized purchasing 50 pinwheels at \$1.00 a piece from the Help Prevent Child Abuse Agency of Vermont. These will be "planted" around town.

Jen Bone has received a verbal warning for letting her dogs run at large and not getting them licensed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

----- Marsha Nelson, Clerk