

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
PO BOX 332
RYEGATE, VERMONT 05042**

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 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: William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Richard Hodgson, Lt Matthew Amadon, VT State Police, Marsha Nelson, BMU Seniors: Gabby Locke, Kate Cota, Caleb MacDonald, Evan Winoski.

Minutes of the March 27th meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Andy would like the third paragraph corrected to read: Richard wants to help the Treasurer create one unified reporting system for all town fund balances. Paul moved the minutes with that correction, Claudette seconded the motion and it carried. The Clerk asked to add the following to the agenda: Attorney Giuliani's Bond Counsel Letter, South Ryegate Wastewater Monthly Monitoring Report, Tim Murray's monthly bill, the review and signing of the Transportation Annual Financial Plan. By their request, she asked to postpone the Caledonia County Sheriff and Dover Ford's visit until April 24th.

Public Comment: Richard Hodgson would like a copy of the last professional audit. He wasn't too impressed with the last audit and feels the elected auditors could do a better job. Discussion followed on money budgeted for a future audit and what it could be spent for. Hodgson would like a locked file cabinet, a laptop and various other items for auditing.

Lt Matthew Amadon was present to ask the Board for suggestions and if they were willing to sign the contract for this year. Andy explained the Line Item for Vermont State Police was reduced to \$18,000. and the Caledonia County Sheriff's line item was increased to \$5,000 because the Sheriff's Office had done some extra work in Town last year. The Board is very satisfied with the service received from the State Police this past year. Visibility is a big factor around town. Amadon reported they are at full staff now with 6 maybe 7 troopers on. When asked about the Summer Festival being planned in Town on July 8th and how to request a traffic slow down on 302, he said he would find out and get back to us. The State Police would like copies of the Town's Speed Ordinances. Paul moved to sign the Vermont State Police Contract. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried. Andy signed as Chairman.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Cheryl had to rework the requisition for wastewater planning, so as not to include items that didn't pertain to it. The

Prevent Child Abuse Pinwheels will be paid for out of the Nichole Andrea Haynes fund established to improve and enrich the lives of children.

Paul moved to reappoint Gene Perkins as Ryegate's Forest Fire Warden. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried. The Board signed the form for return.

Road Report: Talk centered on paving projects for the summer. Nelson sent in a Class II application for a grant to overlay a section of Creamery Road. Discussion was held on possible paving sites and the \$91,000 in the road fund which is unused money earmarked for paving from past years. By the next meeting Nelson will have more concrete numbers. The price may be the same as last year so it's a good year to pave some extra roads. The crew used some cold patch which warmed well with the sun and a propane torch. Nelson was on the grader today to air out roads. He will be attending an OSHA Class on Wednesday and part of Thursday. The Board signed the Certification of Compliance for Codes and Standards.

The Board signed a letter to send to Tim Murray explaining why they would have liked to be able to test his water.

The Board is taking under advisement some information from the Delinquent Tax Collector.

There was no further public comment and as there was no further business and no power, Paul moved adjournment at 8:10 PM. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Marsha Nelson, Clerk