

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

April 11, 2016

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

Minutes of the March 28th meeting were read and approved on a motion from Andy seconded by Claudette that carried. The Clerk asked to add the Vermont State Police Report for March to the agenda. There was no objection. Under Public Comment Richard Fraser asked who to call in case there is a loose dog in the village. He was told to call Jo Guertin, the dog catcher.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl had the Road Crew time cards for the Board to read. The Board viewed bills and signed orders. The Board went over the South Ryegate Wastewater Loan Agreement. Andy explained there is plenty of money in the account for engineering but this agreement puts us in line for bonding, if necessary, for the project. There was discussion about where the Treasurer should put the money when it comes from the state, if the town is accepted for the loan. Andy will check with Brian Baker and make sure the last engineering bill should be paid out of this. Gary Mason called to report that #1 has now failed and he will switch to #2 in the morning.

Road Report: The Board and Road Foreman will be meeting with Shauna Clifford of District #7 Transportation on April 18th at 1:00 PM. The Board had asked Nelson to get a couple of projects lined up to present to Shauna. One choice would be a section at the north end of the Groton-Peacham Road to #6 schoolhouse. It's a total of 3,170 feet long. The other choice would be East Road from Route 5 to Johnson's house, 1798 feet needing a 1 ½ inch overlay. Witherspoon Road is included in the current project and we will have to get a price on Witherspoon before we commit to paving. The new truck was being picked up from painting today. Clarks wants the truck to update the software before the Town picks it up at the end of this week. The crew has been stinging with the grader and hauling material all over town. Some trees have been down lately taking along electric lines with them. Wifi is now fully connected at the Town Garage with some help from Regina Hazel. The crew is looking for a new place to order culverts as Bob Giddings is not selling them anymore. Overhead Doors from St J will be at the garage tomorrow, replacing springs. The Board voted to use the Overload Permit Cover Letter from August of 2007.

Gene Perkins sent a memo explaining the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District's proposal to change the procedure for voting on the budget. Currently the towns in the district have held an Australian Ballot vote to vote on the budget. Most other districts allow their Board of Directors to decide on the budget which does not come out of town budgeted money. The Select Board saw no problem with this proposal.

Claudette mentioned she does attend NVDA meetings when they are close enough. Andy would like to review the town's bidding policy at the next meeting. Paul would like to talk about opening up some #4 roads for four wheelers. Andy thinks people living on the road should have a big say about it. He feels it should be handled as well as VAST did when opening up trails around the State.

There being no further business Claudette moved adjournment at 7:53 PM. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.