

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
June 12, 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: Bruce Stevens, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Gail Brown, Gene Perkins, Greg Murray, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Special Town Meeting were read and accepted as printed on a motion from Paul seconded by Andy that carried. The minutes of the May 22nd meeting were read and after Paul moved to approve them and Claudette seconded the motion, it carried with a voice vote. Minutes of the June 1st Special Select Board Meeting were amended to read New England Water System's bid was \$44,185 and Jeremy Bogie's bid was \$57,117. Chief Construction was correct at \$54,025 and Northwoods Excavating was correct at \$73,000. Paul moved the amendment, Claudette seconded it and it carried with a voice vote. Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add the following items to the agenda. The Tentative Grand List has been filed today by the Listers. Gene Perkins would like some time on the Agenda. Northeastern Vermont Development Association has sent an invitation to participate in a Pilot Program.

Bruce Stevens was present to ask for some improvement to the part of Schaffer Hill that is in Ryegate. He had talked to the Road Foreman previous to the meeting. Nelson said a log truck had done some damage there. He hoped Stevens could wait until next year if the Road Crew did some temporary ditching, a water bar and shoulder work and then worked it into paving with next summer's paving projects. Discussion was held on an empty mobile home in the area and what can be done about it.

Gail Brown was present to discuss the Summer Festival to be held July 8th in South Ryegate. She hoped the Board would give the Committee \$405 to pay for the Bouncy House from the Andrea Haynes Fund and \$100 from Town coffers. Paul moved giving \$500 from the Haynes Account to the committee. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried. The check can be written to the Ryegate Summer Festival, as the Committee is in the process of setting up a checking account at the Wells River Savings Bank.

Treasurer's Report: The town has received a check for part of the Wastewater Project. Pumping of the Ryegate Corner Septic System should be paid from Building Upkeep for the Fire

Department and the Town Garage, as that is who uses it. Paul suggested a new line item: Parks and Playgrounds. Cheryl has two bills to do with the Welcome to Ryegate signs. A new line item will be created: Welcome to Ryegate Signs. She received a bill for the “new” fire truck the fire department purchased from the Town of Newbury. The Board told her to pay that bill out of the Fire Department Replacement Equipment Fund. The Board viewed bills and signed orders. A \$31,500. Pollution Control Grant has been approved for the South Ryegate Wastewater Project.

Road Report: The 2009 truck that has been traded to Charlebois upon delivery of the new truck, was damaged in the yard. The Kenworth backed into it. Darlings Auto is prepared to do the repairs. The Board approved them fixing it. Nelson had photos and has filled out insurance claims. There is a \$1,000 deductible. There was a driveway application for Jacob Clough. It was approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman. The 2011 truck had a new water pump put in by Steve Kimball. The Symes Hill Project was done on May 24th and is holding well. The town-shared hydroseeder was used. The Treasurer may want to add a new line item for hydroseeder material (conservation mix and mulch). The crew is prepping the Stone Road for paving. Tuesday morning the Hunt’s Mill Bridge is going in. Dig Safe has cleared the operation. NVDA’s Invitation to participate in the Pilot Plan relating to Act 64 was discussed.

Gene Perkins and Greg Murray were present from the Fire Department. The E1 Ford is going for refurbishing for 12 weeks. It will cost \$32,635.00 and then be good for several years. The Department has purchased a 1992 International Truck from the Town of Newbury for \$9,000. It will need a new transmission but is a real bargain. The plan is to leave the E1 in Ryegate Corner when it comes back and have a four wheel drive vehicle and the Wells River (Newbury) full sized pumper in South Ryegate.

Public Comment: The Women’s Club needs to be thanked for the beautiful Welcome To Ryegate signs. The Red Kettle donated a pot of flowers for the one in South Ryegate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk