

APPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

June 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Members present: Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino, Paul Keenan. Also present: Dover Ford, Richard Fraser, William Hetu, Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, Richard Hodgson, Marsha Nelson. Minutes of the June 12th meeting were read and approved on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried. Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add four items to the agenda: Water Testing, Route 5 Bushes, Annual Ambulance Contract, and South Ryegate Wastewater Project Update. There was no other Public Comment at this time.

Dover Ford was present to report that Whitelaw Hall, the Historical Society Building, is in need of being painted. She listed the people who had been contacted to submit a bid. Dave Sanville was the only one who bid on the project. His bid was \$10,000 to include painting the roof and being lead compliant. He is fully insured and EPA Certified as well as lead paint certified. The Historical Society is hoping to use the Historical account from the Town that is administered by the Select Board and Treasurer. Currently there is \$17,648.11 in that account. The Historical Society has tried to keep up the building by fixing miscellaneous items such as putting locks on windows, and fixing broken windows, but there is always expense. After further discussion Paul moved taking the \$10,000 for painting Whitelaw Hall out of the Town Funds and hiring Dave Sanville to do the work. Andy seconded the motion and it carried. Sanville would like half of the money upfront for paint and supplies. Cheryl was authorized to write a check for \$5,000.00 to David Sanville.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. The Board signed an authorization for the Ryegate Summer Festival to open a checking account at Wells River Savings Bank using the Town's tax ID number with signors being Cheryl Slayton, Gail Brown and Sarah Despins. Cheryl passed out Balance Sheets through May 31, 2017.

Road Report: Roadside Mowing has begun. Hunt Mill Bridge has been completed but a new railing will be installed. Currently the old railing is in place. The crew used the existing blocks and all but one of the waste blocks the town purchased. The new bridge is 11 by 31 feet and 1 foot thick. The crew replaced two culverts on the Stone Road and will work the Stone Road ditching and prepping for paving this summer. They have done more hydro-seeding. A Subcontractor price list was received from Jeremy Bogie.

People are concerned about the exit to East Ryegate Village onto Route 5. The bushes have grown up again from the O’Kane property and it is impossible to see if anyone is coming north on Route 5. District #7 Transportation will be contacted about this problem. RE: The water situation discussed at the Special Town Meeting, the Board expects to hear a number soon from ARC about a filtration system for the two involved houses. Andy would like to discuss the date and wording of an article for the follow up Special Town Meeting involving salt concerns and also discuss a salt shed and where to put it. Paul and Claudette do not want to open a can of worms and set a precedent. Andy feels it’s the Board’s focus to provide pure water for these people and a salt shed for future protection. The Board authorized testing three neighboring wells in the area for salt.

Andy reported on the South Ryegate Wastewater Project. Things are coming along well except for a build up or growth between tank and field #1. That is being worked out.

Bill Elder, Zoning Administrator, wanted permission to talk to the town attorney about writing a letter to people who start or even finish construction on a project before applying for a zoning permit. It was given.

There being no Public Comment the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk