

APPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

June 27, 2016

Paul Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other members present: Andrew Smith and Claudette Sortino. Also present: Doug Morton, Norm Patneau, Bertha Stevens, Marie Winchester, Linda Labuda, Carolyn Adams, William Elder, Richard Fraser, Nelson Elder, Elizabeth Page, Lorin Hosmer, Ruth Basile, William Hetu, Cheryl Slayton, Todd Paine, Don Leavitt, Caleb McDonald.

Minutes of the June 13th and 16th meetings were read and approved after changing Solar Guidelines in the June 16th meeting to Solar Sitings on a motion from Andy that passed.

Doug Morton from NVDA was present to discuss a Road Erosion Inventory. He will be working with Nelson on the inventory. Act 64 (Clean Water Act) states a town will be required to have a permit to work on roads (to deal with rainwater runoff) We have a grant so there is no cost to the town. Nelson has projects in mind and the town will plan budgets for them. Symes Pond Road and Hall Road have been viewed. There will be a five year plan required and list projects. Grant funds will pay for some. This meets the requirements of the permit. As time passes more projects can be added. It can also be subject to change: i.e. Natural disasters. The town should be done with preparations by fall. The plan must be completed by 2019. We must adapt to changes or lose Better Back Road Grants. This may require engineering plans for some projects. Class 1,2,3, & 4 roads will be involved. Right now it doesn't involve private roads.

Don Leavitt was the spokesperson for several neighbors who are concerned about the Paton property. He understands that the Patons own the property and in August plan to bring their trailer from Woodsville to their South Ryegate property. They have burned on Sunday and the fire department is there now. The couple recently buying Bette Davidson's house has trash from the Patons on their property near their well. The group wants to be sure the town can enforce the rules and the regs of the town will be followed. They need septic and water to be checked. They would like them to be told before the trailer is brought in. The town needs to appoint a new Zoning Administrator to issue or not issue permits. This is the enforcement officer on the Zoning Regulations. The fear is that the trailer will be put in without telling anyone. The town needs someone to explain emphatically that they have requirements to follow before doing anything. The Caledonia County Sheriff is available to help with

enforcement. Carolyn Adams owns three sides of their property piece. She indicated that junk is shoved onto her property and they have parked vehicles and cut trees on her land. There followed a discussion of illegal dumping and moving junk and not being sure of property lines. There seems to be a lack of town ordinances to use to get rid of these problems. The neighborhood group will return to the next Board meeting and want to be on the agenda.

Road Report: Paving Bids were opened. Three companies bid. Each company had two bids.

Witherspoon Road:

Bigelow: \$105,235.20 Blaktop: \$98,677.72 Pike: \$91,951.00

Paul moved going with Pike. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Groton-Peacham Road & East Road:

Bigelow: \$80,979.60 Blaktop: \$84,661.06 Pike: \$78,348.30

Paul moved going with Pike. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Nelson is still trying to get the Kenworth properly registered. The ** uniform price** change to **The reduced price on the road crew uniforms** is not in effect yet. The roadside mower can be kept until July 5th. The bushes on Route 5 in East Ryegate were discussed. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the owner concerning his homeowners' insurance being liable for an accident if one occurs because of impaired vision. Nelson had to order two new road signs because of vandalism. Better Back Roads approved some grants. TH 7 and Cochran Drive were not approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. A guardrail bill was discussed and moved into a different account.

After discussing the importance of a new Zoning Administrator being able to enforce the by-laws, Claudette nominated William Elder as Zoning Administrator. Paul seconded the nomination and it carried. Bill was told to put time in and it should be billed. His name was recommended by the Zoning Board for the position.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Richard Fraser, Clerk Pro Temps