

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
July 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by acting Chair Claudette Sortino. Other members present: Paul Keenan. Andrew Smith called to be excused. Others present: Cheryl Slayton, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Richard Hodgson, Nelson Elder, Susan Cherry, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting were read and approved on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried. It was noted that Dave Sanville has started painting Whitelaw Hall in East Ryegate. Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add the following items: Letters from Tim Murray, Police Accident Report on Roadside Mower, Bill Hetu on Water, Claudette on Recap of Summer Festival, Trash Survey, Public Utility Hearing on Solar.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. The forms were signed to be able to receive funds for the South Ryegate Wastewater Project. The tax rate will be set at a Special SelectBoard meeting on Monday, July 17 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office. The State still has numbers to send the Listers before this can be accomplished.

Susan Cherry, from The Community Restorative Justice Center was present to talk about the Center and answer questions. The Select Board signed a resolution between the town of Ryegate and The Center located in St Johnsbury, Vermont, designating the Center as its Justice Center. There is no fee involved in this agreement.

Road Report: Nelson said an estimate of damage during the recent storms is \$60,000. Every major through road had water up and over it which may have been worse for Ryegate than Irene because all roads were hit. District #7 personnel told Nelson that was a realistic figure. He showed photos of damaged roads and is keeping track of all details of the repair. He worked with engineer Pat Ross to get a Stream Alteration Permit for the Chamberlin Road. Witherspoon had 437 feet of blacktop undermined. The Town is hoping for State money to help with these costs. Saturday the Roadside Mower was run into at 9:30 A.M. near the Number 6 School house. The tractor has been delivered to Champlain Valley Equipment in Derby Line for an estimate of damage. The car driver's insurance will be directly involved with HP Fairfield. Wells River will be doing some paving near Schaffer Hill and has permission to do Ryegate's end of Schaffer Hill. Bill Hetu has a water concern and talked to the Road Foreman about improving it with a bern.

Claudette reported on the First Annual Summer Festival held in South Ryegate on July 8th. It was successful with good feedback so it may indeed become an annual event. Many volunteer hours went into the event.

Under Public Comment Richard Hodgson asked about the salt shed plans. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

----- Marsha Nelson, Clerk