

**APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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Select Board Minutes  
July 25, 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: Richard Fraser, William Hetu, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Elizabeth Page, Michael Thomas, John Cesari, Bertha Stevens, Donald Leavitt, Ruth Basile, Lorin Hosmer, Linda Libuda, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried after filling in the blanks on the line \* the side dump body fits over the tires.\*

Michael Thomas was present as Chairman of the Newbury Conservation Commission and a member of Cross Vermont Trails. He mentioned he would like to clean up the old railroad bed that runs through part of South Ryegate for hiking and would welcome people interested in doing so. It still will be a dead end cause the bridge is missing. It isn't a tarred trail. Paul asked if four wheelers are allowed on it. Mike said it's a section by section answer. Brown Road allows most anything.

Don Leavitt spoke for the concerned South Ryegate citizens. At the moment the Patons are planning to move their mobile home to Newbury, but the citizens group worries that the plans might change and the town needs to be vigilant. Bill Elder reported that no letter had been sent 12 months \*after the fire\*. Leavitt asked if a letter could be sent out as they are in violation now. It was asked if they have to clean out the cellar hole. Yes, they do and then cover it with \*clean\*fill. The letter will be sent certified mail. Paul said we can't forget about it. Trash on neighboring property was discussed. The Board agrees a survey needs to be done to determine what the boundaries are. Mr. Leavitt asked if the Town Health Officer could write a letter about the fire damage and abutters could write letters about the trash. The Board feels everyone needs to keep pushing. The town has rules and \*everyone\* has to follow them.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Bill Elder can be paid either out of Zoning or as an unfunded line item. Cheryl passed out cash flow with changes charts through 6/30/2016 and Balance Sheets. Paul Keenan asked if the East Ryegate Playground could receive about \$500 from the Haynes' Fund to pay for equipment repairs.

Road Report: Town Highway 54 – Nelson wheeled it again after looking at State Highway Maps. The Board wonders about determining the town line. Mr. Cesari said it's easy to determine where it is by deeds between Darlings and Cesari's. He said the flower pot is by the town line.

After discussion Cesari said he wants to \*drive\* up and down the road. If he needs to haul in gravel and grade it and then talk to Philadelphia lawyers that's OK. He needs to get his car in so he'll deal with mileage later. At some point he said it was a road all the way through. Andy said the Board will visit the site and let Mr. Cesari know when they are going. Andy will talk to some citizens who have lived here a long time and find out where the road used to go and where did they start measuring. There is no problem for Cesari to haul dirt onto the Class IV road says the Board.

Nelson said new road signs are up for Whitehill and Symes Pond Road and North Hunt Mill Road. The crew flushed out a couple of driveway culverts. Nelson met with Doug Morton at NVDA and Jim from Better Back Roads. Paving will take place middle to late August of Witherspoon. Nelson will talk to Scott Blood again about his driveway permit. Paul thinks the Board should look at the driveway again before it is approved.

Paul had received a call about speed on Ticklenaked Pond. It is a no wake pond.

Claudette moved adjournment at 8:45 PM. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

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Marsha Nelson, Clerk