

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
August 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Claudette Sortino and Paul Keenan. Others present: Nelson Elder, Elizabeth Beauvais, Regina Hazel, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Gaelen Murphy, Marielyn Chadwick, Elizabeth Page, Richard Hodgson, Cheryl Slayton, Gene Perkins, Marsha Nelson, three representatives from paving companies, Blaktop, Pike and Hutchins.

Minutes of the July 24th meeting were read and approved after Paul said he moved to approve the Zoning Administrator's proposed letter and Claudette seconded the motion and Andy clarified that Paul, rather than Andy, is checking into the feasibility of electricity at Ticklenaked Pond Beach.

Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add the following items: Tim Murray requesting work done on Symes Pond Road, Dale Wright requesting a Board of Abatement meeting, Gene Perkins, discussing water in the fire station, a monthly monitoring report of the South Ryegate Wastewater System, a Vermont State Police monthly report, GLC Solar correspondence.

Paving Bids were then opened:

(Main Job = Pleasant Street to Stone Road) FEMA is Witherspoon Repairs

Blaktop – Main Job
1,436 ton @\$67.99=\$97,633.64

FEMA – Witherspoon Road
46 ton @\$288=\$13,248

Hutchins – Main Job
1,412 ton @\$69.60=98,275.20

FEMA – Witherspoon Road
50 ton @\$350=\$17,500

Pike – Main Job
1,412 ton@\$64.20=\$90,650.40

FEMA –Witherspoon Road
No Bid

The Road Foreman asked if he had any comments. Paul asked if Blaktop would do the FEMA project if it didn't get the other one. Paul said based on what we see for figures he moves going with Pike for the Pleasant Street/Stone Road Project and Blaktop for the Witherspoon Repairs. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

The Listers presented and explained an Errors and Omissions Statement for the 2017 Grand List. 68.00 was deducted from the GL by removing Parcel 03006002.2 from GL. Parcel was already correctly included with contiguous parcel 03006018. Current Use cannot have an inactive parcel and had to activate for their purposes.

Marie Chadwick and Gaelen Murphy were present to discuss concerns over a neighbor encroaching on their property. They have concerns for their water, flowers and composting. A fence line may be installed that would leave her ducks in jeopardy. Dow, her neighbor, had a survey done but she questions it. The Board advised her to have her own survey done. If the two surveys disagree, the town can halt building a fence by a sheriff.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. The South Ryegate Wastewater System Project is complete. Paul suggested Cheryl keep a separate expense for the water situation at the Corner.

Road Report: Ditch prep work is done for paving. The Stone Road had 3500 feet of ditch prepared and hydroseeded. Green Mountain Power replaced an old pole on Steele Hill that had leaned forever. Elder discussed the washout on August 3rd and the consequences on the Stone Road. Culverts need work there. Stu Johnson was at the town garage giving one on one stick time with the grader to the Road Crew. The 2009 truck is back from Darlings. The 2016 truck had an issue with the control board. Repairs should be under warranty. Bill Graves sent a proposal on a salt shed. Graves can get one done by snow fly. Andy will ask Rick Colby for a bid also. Supervision and Professional Oversight, if a grant is sought, is stupendously expensive and time consuming.

Gene Perkins was present to talk about the water running through the fire station when bad storms happen. Gene's goal is to get the water away from the west wall. Nelson and Gene will keep working on it. Gene had a contract on the "new" truck. Tim Murray had offered to peel the road back on Symes Pond Road near his house with his excavator. The town has to do the road work because of insurance purposes. Andy will contact Tim. Andy would like to restart the water system discussion for Ryegate Corner. Many options are being considered to present to the Town's People.

A Board of Abatement meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 directly following the 7:00 PM Board of Civil Authority meeting and preceding the regular Select Board meeting.

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