

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**TOWN OF RYEGATE**  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
August 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Paul Keenan. Other members present: Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino. Also present: William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were read and approved after the following corrections were made: 1) Claudette mentioned her endeavors in getting a Junkyard Ordinance passed, which did not happen. 2) Under Zoning Administrator's Compensation: He will submit his spread sheets for hours and mileage \*on enforcement issues.\* 3) Under the Road Report: a leaf spring to the \*2016\* truck. Andy moved the minutes with changes, Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Four bids were received and opened on the Wetherbee Culvert Project. The Town has received a Better Back Roads Grant for this project with the town paying 20% of the total.

- 1) Chief Crushing & Excavation Inc: \$6,448.00
- 2) Blue Mountain Trucking & Excavating: &11,000.00
- 3) Robert Farquharson Construction: \$9,264.00
- 4) C. Ainsworth Trucking & Excavation: \$12,644.20

After discussion, Claudette moved accepting Chief Crushing & Excavation's bid. Paul seconded the motion and it carried. It was noted that due diligence is in order by both the Select Board and the Road Crew. Nelson said it should be a two day project.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. There was a question on the Zoning Administrator's pay rate. The Board feels that payment should be made on permits processed by the same standard as has been the rule: \$25 per permit. If there is enforcement involved, then a bill can be submitted. The Zoning Administrator will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to discuss this further.

Road Report: Andy asked Nelson to keep track of Extended Warranty Repairs on the Kenworth. Nelson will keep a separate folder. Nelson checked with the Board before filling out a survey received from the Town of Haverhill. Paving in the town is all done for this year. Nelson will check out the 302 end of Witherspoon Road and see if a paving adjustment needs to be made. Pike is willing to pave by the salt shed where the shed has been repaired. The 2016 truck is \*sitting\* better with its new springs. The centerlines will be painted around town within the

next couple of weeks. There has been concern over the Boltonville Bridge leading onto 302 and the road north towards Ryegate Corner. Shauna Clifford thinks the Select Board may have to get involved. That area is owned by the Town of Newbury but plowed and sanded by the Town of Ryegate. The Blood Driveway permit was approved after discussion.

The Preliminary Engineering Report on the work needed to the South Ryegate Wastewater System has been received by the Town. Brian Baker feels the Town doesn't have any choice but to go ahead with the repairs outlined. The Town can apply for a loan with the same bid process. Paul Keenan moved to proceed with the repairs as recommended by Brian Baker. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

William Davies has agreed to be the Town Attorney. Andy will contact him and invite him to a Select Board meeting. Concern over young kids playing in the road in South Ryegate was discussed.

At their regular meeting the Zoning/Planning Board recommended the name of Catherine Davie to replace William Elder on the Zoning Board. Claudette moved to appoint Catherine Davie to fill William Elder's term which expires in 2018. Paul seconded the motion and it carried.

The Health Officer will be asked to check into some alleged concerns reported to the Town Office.

There being no public comment and no further business, Claudette moved adjournment at 8:40 PM. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

-----Marsha Nelson,Clerk