

**APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
August 28, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM directly following the Board of Abatement Meeting. Members present: Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino, Paul Keenan. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Richard Hodgson, Devin Coleman, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: The Road Foreman *was* asked if he had any comments. Claudette mentioned Town's people should be changed to *townspeople* and Andy suggested the words *by a sheriff* be removed in the seventh paragraph. Andy moved approval with changes. Paul seconded the motion and it carried. Under public comment Richard Hodgson mentioned the junk car on East Road. People have called the sheriff about it. Nelson Elder said it can be towed away at the owner's expense. Note: It was removed the next day.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Cheryl handed out financial charts through the end of July.

Road Report: Nelson reported on the various preparations for summer paving the road crew had done. He said Pike will be paving the Stone Road – Pleasant Street project at the end of this week and will create a swale at the end of one driveway. Nelson went to a FEMA meeting on the wash-outs. He set up an account for the Town of Ryegate. The new truck should be here by the end of this week and the trade will be delivered. He has a contract for winter salt. He will look into lower bids. Ted Clark had reported the blacktop is breaking up in his driveway where the water came down. Nelson will look into it. Pike will redo an apron at the bottom of Lona Gray's hill. Bids are being collected for a salt shed.

The Select Board approved signing a two year contract with Repro, who has printed our Annual Reports for several years. There was discussion on the salt water situation. The Board is about ready to warn a follow up special town meeting. It's possible to hold an Informational Meeting at a Select Board meeting. Devin Coleman would prefer to have his claims paid and have water rights on Town Land. He's concerned about the debt and interest he's incurred over this situation.

The Board went over the VLCT Inspection Sheet the Town received after a representative inspected various properties in Town.

There being no further business Paul moved adjournment at 9:10 PM Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk

