

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

September 26, 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: William Davies, Town Attorney, William Hetu, Richard Hodgson, Gary Mason, Thomas Dole, Richard Fraser, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the September 12th meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: In the second paragraph the part that is underlined should read * In order to avoid a fine from the Agency of Natural Resources the agreement needs to be signed.* The other correction was the addition of *The Town declined to sell as we expect * to put a road down there eventually. Claudette moved approval with the corrections. Andy seconded the motion and it carried. During Public Comment the Clerk was given permission to add four items to the agenda: 1) Town Sign Report 2) Robert Yaroshevich request 3) Public Service Board re: Bruce Nelson Solar Array 4) South Ryegate Wastewater information.

William Davies was introduced to the members of the Board. He has agreed to take on the role of Town Attorney. His ancestors came over with the Scots American Company and he is actually a native of Brownington. His firm represents about 30 towns in Vermont. He discussed the Paton property in South Ryegate and advised the Board on some legal ramifications.

Tom Dole was present to follow up on the report he gave at the last meeting concerning Ryegate purchasing and transferring to NEMRC's accounting programs. It was clarified that no action will be taken until after town meeting in March.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Pete's Rubbish Removal bill for inspection of a property should go under legal fees. Cheryl passed out Balance Sheets with Income and expense Statements through August 31st.

Road Report: The Town received a letter from the Newbury Select Board in response to one sent them earlier. Ryegate had become concerned about the Boltonville Road and Bridge that is in the Town of Newbury, but was being plowed, per agreement, by the Town of Ryegate. The letter stated Newbury's Board understood the concern and had decided to take over the plowing of the Newbury section of the road and the bridge. They were appreciative of the years when Ryegate had plowed. The Board discussed with the Road Foreman how the road

will be plowed. The Wetherbee culvert project has not been started. Dig Safe has marked it. The last of the winter sand is up. The crew started ditching Barr Drive. Shoulders are all on the new blacktop. The Brock Road will be closed tomorrow.

Jackie Sinclair sent diagrams of two potential Town Signs for the Board to choose and approve. The Board unanimously chose the sign that is scalloped on top.

There being no public comment the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion from Andy seconded by Claudette that carried.

----- Marsha Nelson, Clerk