

APPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING BY-LAWS & REGULAR MEETING 1-09-2017

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM by Select Board Chairman Paul Keenan. Members present: Paul Keenan, Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino. Also present from the Zoning Board: Fremont Nelson, Regina Hazel, Walter Bragg, Catherine Davie and William Elder, Zoning Administrator. Also present: Linda Libuda, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Donald Stapelfeld, Nelson Elder and Marsha Nelson. Fremont described some of the changes on the proposed By-Laws. He mentioned they held

a hearing on River Corridors which was not well received and so nothing was done on that. He also discussed frontage on lakes being changed from 100 feet to 250 feet. The present lots will be grandfathered. The Select Board will be supplied with the printed proposed By Laws for their perusal. The Zoning Board asked that their unused budget money be rolled into a special account to be used in the ensuing year(s). The Select Board will ask the Treasurer to do that. There was no public comment at the Hearing and it adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The Select Board meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM. Members present: Paul Keenan, Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino. Also present: Linda Libuda, William Hetu, Richard Fraser, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Donald Stapelfeld, Marsha Nelson. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried. The December 28th meeting minutes were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andy that carried. The Clerk asked to add the following items to the agenda: Increase in Ambulance Budget Request, A discussion of the Town Report, The Coleman's water, and a Cemetery Budget request.

Don Stapelfeld asked to have his road's classification reconsidered. He has worked to improve the road and put money into it every year since 1975. His primary request was for sand, not summer maintenance, or plowing. The Road Foreman said Class IV roads get sand when the other roads are caught up. It was decided the Crew will try to get his road sanded a little earlier. Paul suggested we work with Don to see how the winter goes.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. There were two packets of bills presented. Some were up to December 31, 2016 and the other packet was the January 9, 2017 bills. The Select Board mentioned the Town wants to pay for the Horse drawn wagon rides at the Winter Carnival with memorial money received from the Weesner family in memory of Nicole Andrea Hayne and in memory of John Weesner. John Weesner was instrumental in

developing the Ryegate Associates Woodchip Plant. The Board asked Cheryl to roll over the unused money from the Zoning/Planning Board Budget into a fund for Zoning Board's use in future years.

Road Report: The Board signed an Extended Warranty for the 2016 truck. Nelson will deliver the document. The Road Crew has developed the specs for the new truck and they have been sent to various truck dealers. Sealed bids will be opened January 23rd at 7:00 PM. There will be a grader school held at the town garage on April 27th. Gene Perkins has given permission for the school to use the fire station as a classroom. The only people using the Town grader will be the Ryegate Road Crew. There is a pre-requisite 10 hour Osha Course that Brent Smith will be having in Groton. Nelson has talked to Bob Rowden about the truck scales the crew needs to repair a bridge. Bob will put a budget figure together for that item. Nelson had reports on each truck's fuel usage and mpg.

The Board approved and signed a record of the meeting of the Select Board on January 9, 2017 moved by Paul and seconded by Claudette resolving that the public interest and necessity demand that certain "water pollution abatement and control facilities" improvements be made, viz: The renovation of the wastewater treatment facility, including filter bed replacement, septic tank filters and resetting of sampling wells. It was further resolved that the cost of said renovations, after application of funds available will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Town of Ryegate and that a proposal for the making of such improvements and borrowing of a sum of money not to exceed Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars for a term not to exceed Twenty years to pay for the cost of the same shall be submitted to the legal voters of the Town of Ryegate at the Annual Town Meeting after proper notice is given.

A letter was received from Timothy Murray regarding the salt in his newly drilled well in Ryegate Corner. It will be sent to the Town Attorney along with a verbal notice of salt in the well in the home newly purchased by the Coleman's in Ryegate Corner. Stephen Genereaux, Health Officer, stopped in to say other houses may be involved in the loop.

There was some discussion of the Tom Meader Road off of the Hall Road. It appears the Town right of way is on the south side of the house in question.

The Cemetery Commission would like to repair some historic gravestones in the Blue Mountain Cemetery. They are located near the Town House. They would like some money budgeted for that and will discuss it more at the Budget Meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM. They weren't sure whether to ask for the money from funds administered by the Select Board or ask for a line item in the budget.

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

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk