

**APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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Select Board Minutes  
October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Claudette Sortino and Paul Keenan. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, Richard Fraser, William Hetu, Richard Hodgson, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved after the following corrections were made by Paul: 1) The third paragraph should read "has hired them to pave the Wells River end of it." And 2) In the last paragraph omit "with William Hetu's approval." Claudette moved approval of the minutes, Paul moved to correct the two items. The motion carried.

Paul discussed the leaking water problem at Whitelaw Hall. He said the problem will be solved soon as Jeff Morin will take care of the situation. It's the village shut off and Jeff will repair it.

Andy asked to add an update to the agenda concerning the South Ryegate Wastewater System.

The Informational Hearing for the Salt Water Situation opened at 7:05 PM. Richard Hodgson asked for an update on the situation. It was said that if the Town votes at the Special Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> to reimburse the landowners, the attorney will draw up a release. Andy talked about the five different approaches the Select Board researched. 1) Drilling a town well. 2) Flushing the salt wells. 3) Installing a filtration system in the town office basement. 4) Hoping for an insurance claim 5) Paying the landowners' expenses. The cheapest way seems to be number 5.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. There were three bills for the salt shed. It was decided to put the salt shed in as an unfunded line item as the salt shed money will come out of the highway reserve fund.

Road Report: Nelson is moving slowly with FEMA. He attended a recovery scoping meeting, and will have a conference call next Monday. He's glad Vermont has Codes and Standards. The Clerk mentioned the administrative work done for FEMA can be reimbursed. The crew has been putting up winter sand between Horne's and Chief's. They have been grading and ditching around town and have graded Symes Hill. Concrete work is done on the salt shed and work is proceeding. Andy checked with VTrans about a membrane under the asphalt and it is not needed. The crew is working on getting sand away from the fire station. There will be an asphalt apron.

Andy gave an update on the South Ryegate Wastewater System. He emailed asking for clarification on debt forgiveness. A new discharge permit is in the works. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

Marsha Nelson, Clerk

