

**APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
October 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Claudette Sortino and Paul Keenan. Also present: Angela Shamboo, Danielle---- and Bridget O'Brien from the Vermont Environmental Health Department, Tom Adams, Elizabeth Page, Richard Hodgson, Richard Fraser, William Hetu, Nancy Perkins, Kristine Elder, Megan Elder, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meetings were read and approved on a motion from Claudette seconded by Paul that carried. Under Public Comment the Clerk asked to add three items to the agenda: A personnel recommendation request, a grant opportunity for renewal of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update due in 2019 and a request from the Groton Select board to meet with Ryegate's Board concerning the FAST Squad budget.

The meeting was turned over to the ladies for their presentation on Cyanobacteria or Blue-Green Algae. Angela Shamboo spoke first followed by Danielle ----- and Bridget O'Brien. Each had a power point presentation and explained the dangers of Blue-Green Algae and how to recognize the problem. They suggested making information available to people on the Ryegate ListServe and on the Town Website. There can be links to the Vermont Health Department. Angela and Bridget can help set up a monitoring system in Town. That usually takes place between Mid-June and early September.

Tom Adams was present to ask to have a tire replaced. He believes he has had two new tires destroyed on North Bayley-Hazen Road. He didn't complain about the four old tires that were worn out and then damaged, but felt compelled to talk to the Board after his first request on his new tires was refused. The Board has not heard of a rash of tires being destroyed. Andy understands his frustration and the Board will look into it further.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Fraser presented a bill for replacement swings at the South Ryegate Playground. VLCT had requested this improvement during the inspection. The Haynes Fund can pay for these. The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Cheryl mentioned an increase in 2018 Health Insurance costs from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Treasurer was directed not to pay the salt in water payments until releases have been drawn up and signed.

Road Report: Nelson reported all winter sand that is budgeted is up. Paving for the new salt shed has been done. The carpenter will start at the beginning of next week on the building. Ryegate's part of Schaeffer Hill did get paved and looks good. The crew is into ditching.

The Select Board will attend Groton's Select Board meeting by invitation on November 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM. There being no Public Comment the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion from Paul seconded by Claudette that carried.

----- Marsha Nelson, Clerk