

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2016

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

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections on a motion from Claudette seconded by Andrew that carried: Re: Whitelaw Hall and the leaking water valve - *If it's leaking after the town shut off the property owner would be responsible for repairs. In this case the property owner is the Town of Ryegate.* The other addition is for the new *ADA Compliant* ramp at the Town Hall. Richard Hodgson asked if the ramp on the Town Hall was in the budget. Andrew replied it had been discussed at the budget meeting with a bid and the \$5000 under Town Buildings was for that ramp which came in under budget. He also mentioned a 50% matching grant the town has received for engineering on the South Ryegate Wastewater System and the town may be in line for a 50% grant for forgiveness of the loan to make the repairs needed there.

The Health Officer, Dr. Stephen Genereaux, was present to discuss a concern that Tim Murray has that his new drilled well in Ryegate Corner has tested high for hardness and salt. There was discussion on the water in the area that is high in sulfur smell and taste but is ok to drink. The Board feels they have done nothing wrong and is willing to talk to the State. It was decided various people would contact landowners in the neighborhood and see how their water is. Claudette asked Steve about a house in South Ryegate and what the current status is. Steve said as a Planning Board Member there has been an effort to see what other towns have done towards a Junkyard Ordinance.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Cheryl passed out Cash Flow with Changes reports and Balance Sheets as of October 31, 2016. She asked about Christmas bonuses. The same amount as usual should go to the Road Crew, the Treasurer, Clerk and two assistants. It was decided December 12 will be the only meeting in December unless it seems necessary to call a special one.

Road Report: Boltonville Bridge is open again. Nelson mentioned the extended warranty for the Loader is about to expire. Nortrax can offer an additional two years which would run out December 10, 2018. We are at 3700 hours right now. Nortrax would come to Ryegate and go

over the machine for \$400. to see what, if anything, needs to be done under the current warranty. The loader is doing well on the expense line. The Board agreed the town should choose Option #1 for \$1250. Paul signed as Chairman and Nelson will make the appointment for the inspection. Nelson mentioned trade numbers for the 2009 truck. The figure may be around \$35,000-\$40,000. The 2016 doesn't have enough hold back so the crew wants to rework the specs before putting them out to bid. The Board said to go ahead and get bids. Andy reminded Nelson to be aware of the springs on the rear end when they are revising the spec sheet. The crew has plowed and sanded a little. Nelson called Tom Flanders who built the town signs. Paul suggested he be hired to help install the signs. Nelson will check for cost of that.

A report was received from Ruggles Engineering Services on the Terry Hill Bridge 21 over the Scott Brook. This report will be available to any interested persons. William Hetu had some thoughts on unlicensed trash haulers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion from Andy seconded by Claudette that carried.

Marsha Nelson, Clerk