

**APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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**SELECT BOARD MINUTES
December 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Paul Keenan and Claudette Sortino. Also present: Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, William Hetu, Richard Hodgson, Richard Fraser, Derek Curtis, Groton-Ryegate FAST Squad, Rick Colby, Marsha Nelson.

Minutes of the November 27 meeting were read and approved after changing Grader Fund to Highway Equipment Fund. Andrew suggested the change. Paul moved the minutes with the change, Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Derek Curtis was present from the Groton-Ryegate FAST Squad with an update on the Squad. He is trying to expand Community Outreach and plans to report quarterly to the Select Board. He explained the 2017 Budget. The staff are volunteers but get paid when out on a call. Andy welcomed the report. Derek said Ryegate will get to see the 2018 budget after it is worked over. Derek is hoping for more public education and a proactive FAST Squad. He would like to hear peoples' thoughts on outreach and education. A report will be available in time for the Town Report. Andy asked about FAST Squad overlaps with the Ambulance Service. Derek explained the FAST Squad is first responders who are licensed as EMT's. Their role is to get to the patient and provide medical care until the ambulance gets there. They can accompany a patient on the Woodsville Ambulance but they can't transport. Andy agrees the Board wants to encourage Ryegate members to be on the FAST Squad.

Rick Colby was present to answer any questions about the newly constructed salt shed. The Board is very happy with it. Solar lighting on a sensor had been discussed for the shed. Nelson will look into it further.

Treasurer's Report: The Board viewed bills and signed orders. Brent Smith checked the burned out light on the South Ryegate 302 Bridge and found mouse damage. Nelson mentioned switching bulbs to 18 W LED lighting. If the ballast is taken out they fit. The Village Trustees have no objection to this switch and reiterated the bridge lighting is a Village expense. The Board agreed on the Clerk of the Select Board's salary. The Board gave the Treasurer authority to write three checks that will need writing before the end of the year: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Vt State Retirement and Vt State Withholding. The Board does not plan to meet again until January 8, 2018. The total cost of the salt shed was \$47,471.02. Cheryl passed out Cash Flow with Changes as of the end of November.

Road Report: Nelson has ordered another load of salt for the storm. All four truck wings are on, in readiness for the storm. All of the FEMA work has been submitted with a telephone conference scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The Board signed an Errors and Omissions Report for the Listers. Paul moved adjournment at 8:15 PM Claudette seconded the motion and it carried.

Marsha Nelson, Clerk