

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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Special Select Board Meeting  
June 16, 2016 – Minutes

The meeting was convened at 1:00 PM by Paul Keenan. Members present: Paul, Andrew Smith, Claudette Sortino. Also present: Richard Fraser, William Hetu, Richard Hodgson, Regina Hazel, Alex from the Journal Opinion, Marsha Nelson.

Andrew opened the meeting by explaining he would like the Board to agree to send a letter to the Public Service Board regarding the proposed Green Lantern Cell Tower near Reservoir Hill Road. He doesn't want this project to get through without consideration of the Town Plan input and the Town Plan has not been updated. The Zoning/Planning Board is in the process of working on it. Andy is not opposed to the project. Paul Keenan asked to be recused from the vote from where he sits. Andy doesn't feel there is a conflict of interest but respects Paul's decision.

Richard Hodgson asked if there was information available. A packet is available at the Town Office. Alex, the editor of the Journal Opinion asked if there had been any other projects proposed in East Ryegate other than the Ryegate Associate one. Regina Hazel said the listers had been informed the Ryegate Associate project had been withdrawn. Andrew mentioned a third project where the developer decided not to follow through with the project.

Richard Hodgson said solar arrays have been rammed down peoples' necks. Andy mentioned a law passed in Montpelier to help with that. Regina read portions of that law, where substantial deference is given to Towns having the proper verbiage in their town plan. Andrew said if the letter is sent he would like it to say in light of the recent state law, Ryegate is asking the Public Service Board to delay their decision, giving time for the Planning Board to work with NVDA to get solar guidelines into our town plan.

Andy moved instructing the clerk to send/email/call the above letter to the Public Service Board. He will hand deliver it if necessary. Claudette seconded the motion and it carried. Richard Hodgson asked whose project it was. It is Bruce Nelson's but ultimately Cabot Creamery's project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM on a motion from Andy seconded by Claudette that carried.

-----Marsha Nelson, Clerk