

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN OFFICE & ZOOM
January 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Steven Crandall. Other Budget Committee Members present: Andrew Smith, Darryl Perkins, Richard Colby, John Munson, Marsha & Fremont Nelson, David Punt, Greg Gandin, Allana Page, Via Zoom Sally Wilson & Judy Ross. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Patricia Crocker, Nelson Elder, Greg Murray, Levi Welch, Jeff Haslett, Carl Bayer, Bill Elder, Elizabeth Page, Via Zoom Regina Hazel.

The Committee reviewed and revised the Budget worksheet that was presented by the Treasurer.

Representing the Fire Department Gregg Murray presented their budget requests as members followed along on the worksheet.

Nelson Elder presented the Highway Dept. budget and the members continued to follow along using the worksheet.

Carl Bayer asked for an appropriation request of \$500.00 to the Window Dresser Project. The Window Dresser project has provided window inserts to Ryegate residents at \$45 a kit to help with insulating homes. This appropriation would help residents who are not able to purchase the kits. After discussion Andy asked for a show of hands to show approval of adding a line item to Contributions for \$500.00 for the Window Dresser Project of Maine. The majority approved of this addition.

After discussion Andy made a motion to create a Revenue line item and transfer \$70,000.00 from the General Fund to try to stabilize the tax rate. Sally seconded the motion and it carried. The Chairman asked if there were any further questions, being none. The Chairman asked if all were in favor of the proposed budget, it carried by a voice vote.

There being no Public Comment, Rick made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

_____ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board