

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

October 23, 2023

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Darryl Perkins. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Nelson Elder, William Hetu, David Punt, Sheila Smith, Gene Perkins, Jan Warner, Carl Bayer, Peter Musty and Leonard Targonski.

Minutes of October 9, 2023 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes with one correction in the last sentence, The fine print(ink). Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda:

Peter Musty asked to be added to the Agenda to discuss Stone Rd and McCulloch Crushing ACT 250 application. Andy stated this subject should be properly warned so that all parties can be present. Mr. Musty continued to refer to issues with the Board regarding Stone Rd, the Quarry and access to his property. Peter asked to be added to the Agenda for the November 13th meeting.

David Punt-Questions about Geothermal.

David asked about the status of the project. The Board stated the Town has received the Mini-MERP grant of \$3999.00. The Town is applying for the large MERP grant. David is concerned about the environmental impact, the possibility of disrupting the watershed and contaminating his well water with salt. Andy stated if the Town receives funding, the next step is engineering for the project and that question will be answered by the engineer.

Jan Warner- Cars at the apartment building next door.

Jan Warner is concerned with the number of cars and debris at the apartment building next door to her home on Ryegate Road. She has spoken with the new owners of the building. Nothing has been done. Jan also contacted the State Police, they were unable to do anything. She talked to the Town Zoning Administrator. The Town does not have a junk car ordinance. She asked the Board if there was anything they could do. The Select Board has encountered a similar situation and unfortunately there is nothing they can do.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Andy moved to approve a memorandum of understanding with the grant writer, Jeffrey Labrie for the Fire Dept. and to compensate him for his work. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

Road Report: The Hwy crew has had an ongoing issue with beavers on Ticklenaked Pond Rd. The beavers have plugged the 3ft culvert several times causing flooding of the road. Paving of Groton/Peacham Rd and Stone Rd on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Progress is being made on the new truck. Nelson and Bruce will go to set the controls for the plow and pick up cutting edges for plows while they are there. Continued ditch cleaning on lower Hall Rd and put up a new sign.

Recycling Sticker Discussion and Bulk Waste Program:

Regina was instructed by the Board Chair to create a report of the fees and revenues for the Ryegate/Groton Recycling Center based on the Treasurer's records for 2021,2022, and 2023. The Board reviewed the report. They discussed the Bulky rates and the possibility of having to increase the fees. After discussion it was agreed to table decisions for another meeting.

There being no further business. Darryl moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board