

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

April 24, 2023

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Darryl Perkins. Also present: Patricia Crocker, Nelson Elder, David Punt, Peter Musty, and Elizabeth Page. Zoom: Crystal Franklin, Julian French, Cheryl Slayton and Cindy Fraser.

The minutes of April 10, 2023 and the 3 Special Select Board Meeting Notes were reviewed. Darryl moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023 with 1 correction. 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the Road Report should read "the" sand pile, Andy seconded the motion and it carried. Special Select Board meeting notes were reviewed, Regina moved to approve the minutes with the addition of 2 representatives from N A Manosh (April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting) and 2 representatives from ARC Mechanical (April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting), Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda:

- \*Damage to S. Ryegate Playground
- \*Ticklenaked Beach
- \*Scheduling for Public Hearing Solar Site Amendment
- \*NEK Broadband-Commitment of ARPA Funds

Regina made the motion to accept the 4 additions to Agenda, Darryl seconded the motion and it carried. Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Peter Musty began by expressing concerns over the board minutes. He does not feel his prior meeting with the board, February 13, 2023 where he presented maps, survey and images of Stone Road, the Quarry, and his right of way to his property abutting the quarry was accurately reflected in the minutes. He would like a recording of the minutes. The Town Clerk does use a recorder for her own personal use to write the minutes. Mr. Musty was offered the opportunity to listen/record from the Town Clerk's recording up to two weeks after a meeting, before the next meeting is recorded.

Peter stated, "I have talked to the people at the State and it appears this is mostly an act of kicking the can down the road. This is probably going to have to go to court. It's obvious the town officials have not accurately represented the highway mileage of Stone Rd and the road to my property. The Town does not want to accept the maps and linear from my surveyor." He has contacted the town's surveyor and will meet with him to go over the surveyor's findings of Stone Rd. "It took a month and half for the surveyor to get back to me and he will meet with them tomorrow." Peter stated, "This is an important issue for me, as a taxpayer, and I feel that I have been dealt a great deal of disrespect and heartache on how the Town has dealt with this issue. This has been ongoing and the Meader Rd, it is obvious how the Town treats these different roads depending on who is serviced by them."

Road Report: All trucks are summer ready. The roads have thawed, Symes Pond Rd (Symes Hill) required some extra fill due to the soft spots. The loader is scheduled for service; had to change the oil pan on the 2016 International truck, blistering from rust. Nelson asked which line item the moving of the sand pile should come out of. The Board said it would be an unfunded line item. He has investigated the price of jersey barriers and waste blocks to help contain the sand pile. He will investigate the price of used jersey barriers. There was a brief discussion about the amount of winter sand and how many barriers would be

needed to contain the sand pile. There was also a discussion about siding on the Hwy Garage. Rick Colby gave the board an estimate of costs for repairing or replacing the siding, the Board will review this at a later date. There was a brief discussion on the upcoming paving projects and the price of blacktop. The road crew will start their summer hours May 1st, 4 ten hour days Monday -Thursday.

Darryl asked to discuss Ticklenaked Beach. An old dock is floating near the boat launch, has been dismantled and put into bags. The Road crew will pick up the bags and put in the green up dumpster. The roof on the pavilion at the beach needs to be replaced. The materials to replace the roof will cost \$950.00, the beach committee will do the work. The Board discussed what fund would be used to pay for the repairs. The clerk will ask the treasurer.

FOR ACTION:

\*Vermont State Police Contract Revisited-The contract was amended by VSP to not to exceed \$7000.00 \$8000.00 was budgeted. The clerk will ask VSP to revise the contract again.

\*Tom Powley-Town mowing/pruning at S. Ryegate-Fire Dept, monument, and Town septic system. After discussion, Darryl moved to approve the mowing proposal and decline tree cleanup and pruning, Regina seconded the motion and it carried. The Board will have volunteers do tree cleanup and pruning.

\*NEK Broadband Representative and Alternate form was signed by the Board. Shawn Burroughs was appointed as representative and Nelson Elder as alternate at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*Class 4 Roads & Trail Policy

Additions to Agenda:

\* Damage to the S. Ryegate Playground-It was reported by Cindy Fraser that 2 juveniles have damaged some of the equipment at the playground, she sent pictures of the damage and the 2 involved. Darryl will find out the identity of the 2 individuals and contact the Sheriff's Dept.

\*Scheduling for Public Hearing for Solar Site Amendment to Town Plan- Planning and Zoning Board had a public hearing, the next step is to go before the legislative body, the Select Board, and hold a Public Hearing. After discussion the Board agreed to schedule the hearing for June 12<sup>th</sup> at the regular meeting.

\*NEK Broadband Commitment of ARPA Funds- After discussion Regina moved to approve the amount of \$76,000.00 of ARPA Funds to NEK Broadband to create two spurs in Ryegate. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment:

David Punt asked about raising the bulk rates at the Recycling Center. David was asked to create a list of rates that would be appropriate to charge. The Board discussed the possibility of a sticker system at the recycling center for Ryegate/Groton residents.

There being no further business, Darryl moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM, Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

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Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board