

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

April 8, 2024

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Daryll Perkins. Other members present: Regina Hazel and Andrew Smith. Also present: Cheryl Slayton, Rachel & Anna Clough, David Punt, Nelson Elder and Jeffrey Haslett.

The minutes of March 25, 2024 and Special Meeting April 1, 2024 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes of both meetings as written. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments and Possible Additions to the Agenda: None

David Punt-Dogs at large in Ryegate Corner & Status on Threatened Litigation:

David stated that there are three dogs that are defecating on his property. He would like something to be done about it. He has not spoken to the owner. Animal Control Officer, Rachel Clough has addressed the owner with no results. Rachel asked for guidance from the Board. David suggested legal guidance. The Select Board and Animal Control Officer will send a certified letter to the owner of the dogs. This will include the dog control ordinance and the consequences for dogs at large. David Punt questioned the use of Executive Session for threatened litigation. It was explained to him that it was the correct legal procedure.

Treasurer's Report:

The board reviewed bills and signed orders.

Road Report:

The spring snowstorm was discussed. The new truck, that will replace the 2015 is being built. Minor repairs are needed on 3 of the trucks. Started spring operations.

The Board signed Letter of Intent Grants in Aid.

FOR ACTION:

Riverside Rescue Contract was discussed and signed by the Board. Andy moved to fund the contract as a contribution. Regina seconded the motion and it carried.

NEK Broadband Alternate will be appointed at the next meeting.

The Sheriff's Contract was discussed. The signed contract should have been submitted January 1st. The Town will be billed for any time that is available to patrol but no contract.

Proposed Engagement letter with Kristen Shamis:

Attorney Shamis specializes in Municipal law and litigation. She is available to represent the Town. Darryl moved to sign the Engagement letter with Kristen Shamis. Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board discussed the process of discontinuing the Northern section of TH28.

Regina moved to start the discontinuance process of the Northern section of TH28.

Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

There being no further business. Andy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Darryl seconded the motion and it carried.

Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board

