

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF RYEGATE
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SELECT BOARD MINUTES

June 26, 2023

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Andrew Smith. Other members present: Regina Hazel. Also present: Linda Libuda, Dover Ford, Richard Colby, Jeffrey Haslett, Tyler Pokinos, David Punt, Nelson Elder, Cheryl Slayton, Dennis Marquise, and Elizabeth Page.

Minutes of June 12, 2023 were reviewed. Regina moved to approve the minutes as printed, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment and Possible Additions to the Agenda:

-Zoning Issues

Regina moved to add the one addition to the Agenda, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

Linda Libuda and Dover Ford of the Ryegate Historical Society presented an estimated cost list of materials needed to preserve, protect and display RHS collections. After discussion Regina moved to approve a sum of \$5,234.00 of ARPA Funds to the Ryegate Historical Society to protect, preserve and display RHS collections, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

David Punt requested a sum of up to \$1000.00 from the Nicole A. Haynes Fund for a Bouncy House, Mini Golf and other activities for children at the Summer Festival. The Summer Festival will be August 5, 2023, 4-7PM in E. Ryegate Village. Regina moved to approve the request of \$1000.00 to come from the Nicole A. Haynes Fund for child related activities at the Summer Festival, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Road Report: The board reviewed the letter from Bruce Boyce's Doctor allowing him to return to part time work with restrictions, June 26th and full-time work July 18th. Nelson stated that he is waiting for contractors to replace several culverts. Nelson will be working with the Clerk to create an invitation for bids for the Whitehill Culvert project. The project will be put out for bid this year and completed in 2024. The Town has until December 2024 to use the grant. Danville returned the shared roadside mower. The Board discussed the need for maintaining the small bridge near the Mountain Meadow Pottery Building. Nelson will look into decking options and costs.

Recycling Discussion and Stickers:

Regina received a quote from Copies n More for recycling stickers. Andy moved to order 2000 stickers at .50 cents each for 2023/2024 Groton/Ryegate recycling, Regina seconded the motion and it carried. Groton/Ryegate 2023/2024 recycling stickers will be mailed to all property owners in Groton and Ryegate with the tax bills. Others in adjoining town may purchase recycling stickers at the Town Clerk's Offices for \$25.00.

The Class 4 Roads and Trails policy was reviewed. After discussion Regina moved to adopt the policy, to be included in the 2026 Town Plan and in the Town Records, Andy seconded the motion and it carried. The policy is a summary of what the Board has learned over the last several years.

Zoning Administrator Interviews:

The Board interviewed Dennis Marquise for the position of Zoning Administrator. Dennis answered several questions from the Board about his background and experience as a Zoning Administrator in other Towns.

Additions to the Agenda:

Zoning Issues -The Select Board is serving as interim Zoning Administrator. Reggie reported about upcoming zoning permits and questions. There will be a Special Select Board meeting on June 28th to meet with Julie Fothensbee of the State Wetlands Program to discuss the property on East Road. The Board signed a letter to Ronald Morgan.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business, Regina moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM, Andy seconded the motion and it carried.

_____ Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board