

APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF RYEGATE  
18 S. BAYLEY HAZEN RD  
RYEGATE, VERMONT 05042

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

August 25, 2025

Town Office & Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Darryl Perkins. Other members present: Regina Hazel, Andrew Smith, Jerry Esposito Sr., William Dickey, Lauren Nelson, Sally Wilson, Kate Davie and Jill Skochdopole. Also present: Katie Keough-Ryegate Associates

The minutes of July 28, 2025 were reviewed. Lauren moved to approve the minutes as printed. Sally seconded the motion and it carried.

Katie Keough from Ryegate Associates asked to meet with the BOA to consider a possible extension on payment of Ryegate Associates 2025 property taxes. Mizzen Capital, the new owner of Ryegate Associates, is requesting the extension due to the financial crisis created by the previous owner, according to Ms. Keough. She also stated that the State of Vermont has approved an extension to complete the construction of a chip drying system to the end of 2026; bills are being paid and the plant is operating well.

After discussion Andy moved to approve that 60% (\$259,681.80) be paid by October 10, 2025. The remaining 40% (\$173,121.20) is to be paid by December 10, 2025 with no interest. Lauren seconded the motion and it carried. The 8% penalty cannot be waived by the Board. Ryegate Associates will need to contact the Collector of Delinquent Taxes to negotiate the penalty.

There being no other business. Jill moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Sally seconded the motion and it carried.

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Elizabeth Page, Clerk for the Board