

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:16 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen LaBelle, Archer and Charles were present. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Tammy Lyons, and Kathleen Ross.

Archer/Charles Motion to accept minutes for April 11, 2016, selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Archer Motion to approve 2016 property tax commitment rate at \$8.77 per thousand.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/LaBelle Motion to approve and adopt Payroll Authorization Policy.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle presented an email offer from Fabian Oil for a furnace cleaning special. The price is \$99.00, good through May 16. Selectman Archer recommends getting a price from Mark Tracy; she will place a call to him. All Town furnaces will be cleaned under the arrangement.

Archer/Charles Motion to table action on determining vendor for furnace cleaning.
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstained (2-0-1)

A thank you letter was received from MPBN for the donation approved at Town Meeting.

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Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) has sent a letter informing the Board of the services that are available at no cost, or at a minimal cost. A representative from the organization will be contacting the Board for an opportunity to meet and answer any questions.

Selectman LaBelle presents two maps generated by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). These maps show the GPS location of each culvert in the section of Watson Pond Road that is targeted for reconstruction. LaBelle is scheduled to meet with Charlie Baeder (BRCA), Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar, and representatives from Maine DEP to discuss the project and walk the road. There is potential for significant financial assistance through BRCA and/or MDEP to support this project. Baeder has requested that he be added to the agenda of the April 25 Selectmen's Meeting.

Belgrade is hosting a paint recycling program; they are inviting Rome to participate at no cost. The Town is asking for a volunteer or two to help staff the event. The event is scheduled for the first week of June and the second week of August. Selectman LaBelle suggests posting the volunteer opportunity on the Town website to solicit volunteers.

Signs for the cemeteries and new ADA entrance have been ordered from BriDesigns of Oakland. They should be available soon for posting in advance of May 1.

Selectman LaBelle stated that there are still two trees down in the Village Cemetery (Mercer Rd.). He has spoken with Sexton Mike Proctor regarding spring clean-up and summer maintenance. It is expected that spring clean-up will begin within a week or so.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to change Selectmen’s meeting to a 6:00PM start time on Mondays, effective April 25, 2016.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle The meeting be adjourned.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectman

Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman