

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AUGUST 22, 2016  
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen LaBelle and Archer were present; Selectman Charles was absent. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Mike Adams, Kimberly Brooks, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ali Pearl, Ed Pearl, Jr.

Archer/LaBelle            Motion to accept minutes for August 8, 2016 selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided the board with a brief update on the status of his office. Susan Day-Donna has written a letter to the board with two proposals for modified penalty; also, she states that she will be out of town until next June. This is not acceptable to the CEO or the board. Marble will continue to pursue enforcement of the violation.

Marble also sent notices of violation to Michael Burnham (unlicensed junkyard, illegal transfer station), Sandra Burnham (trash in front yard), and Terrence Stymiest (unlicensed junkyard). He will be addressing a letter to Larry DiPietro, of Augusta Road, making him aware of the upcoming junkyard license renewal.

The Road Commissioner is not present. Selectman LaBelle stated that Carroll Bubar contacted him earlier in the day to provide an update. There was ditching done on the North Pond Road to enhance safety at the town line, as well as stem runoff into Great Meadow Stream. This project is being completed by Rick Labbe Construction, in cooperation with Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. Ditching will also be taking place near the Wyman residence, as discussed at the last meeting.

Animal Control Officer Kathleen Ross was present; she turned in her time and expense sheets. She does not have any significant updates. Enforcement of unlicensed dogs is to continue; summonses are to be issued.

Treasurer and Tax Collector Tammy Lyons provided the board with an update on the state of her office. The foreclosure date for unpaid 2014 taxes is approaching; Lyons will be mailing 45 day notices on August 23, 2016.

Lyons, who also represents the town on RSU 18's Local Cost Sharing Committee stated that meetings were scheduled for September 15, October 6, and November 3. She questioned how the formula worked and its impact on the Town of Rome.

Payments were not made on the release of land from tax-acquired property bid numbers 1, 2, 5, and 6. Lyons questions whether the board wishes to take action on these properties.

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to release the Town of Rome's interest in Bid #1, Map 14, Lot 049 to  
Endall Wheeler for \$250.00.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

- Archer/LaBelle        Motion to release the Town of Rome’s interest in Bid #2, Map 14, Lot 047 to Mike Adams for \$500.00.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- LaBelle/Archer        Motion to release the Town of Rome’s interest in Bid #5, Map 29, Lot 121 to Jason Hillard for \$500.00.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- LaBelle/Archer        Motion to release the Town of Rome’s interest in Bid #6, Map 29, Lot 083 to Jason Hillard for \$500.00.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- LaBelle/Archer        Motion to approve stipulated order and judgement in the case of *Town of Rome v. Peter Fotter & Tammy Fotter*.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Selectman LaBelle opens the public hearing on the proposed General Assistance Ordinance at 6:58 p.m.

Selectman LaBelle closes the public hearing on the proposed General Assistance Ordinance at 7:01 p.m.

- Archer/LaBelle        Motion to adopt the updated General Assistance Ordinance  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- LaBelle/Archer        Motion to sign agreement with InforME for Rapid Renewal services, initiating the process of allowing online motor vehicle registrations.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- Archer/LaBelle        Motion to authorize brush cutting on Jamaica Point Road, up to 2 days  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
- LaBelle/Archer        The meeting be adjourned.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks  
Assistant to the Selectmen

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Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

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Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

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Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman