

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AUGUST 8, 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 Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Albert Knight, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ali Pearl, Ed Pearl, Jr, and Doreen Wyman.

Archer/LaBelle            Motion to accept minutes for July 25, 2016, selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Archer/LaBelle            Motion to accept minutes for July 28, 2016, selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Animal Control Officer Kathleen Ross notified the Board via text message that there was no significant report to provide. There have been reported instances of rabies in the surrounding communities, but none reported in Rome. Over the last four weeks, there have been typical calls for dogs at large and stray cats.

Resident Doreen Wyman, of 223 North Pond Road, came in to state that her driveway is being flooded due to a lack of ditching. Winter salt and sand wash into her front yard, due to a lack of ditching. Her basement regularly floods due to the water coming into her yard from the road. She has requested that a proper ditch be installed.

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to authorize the road commissioner to perform ditching work and  
culvert repair in the vicinity of 223 North Pond Road.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Archer/Charles            Motion to release the Town of Rome's interest in Bid #1, Map 14, Lot 049 to  
Bruce Salsbury for \$426.00.  
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstain (2-0-1)

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided a brief update on the status of his office. Resident Susan Day-Donna, of Wildwood Estates, is still not in compliance with the violation order. Day-Donna is contending that her reverse mortgage company will not allow her to come into compliance with the order for correction. Marble will conduct an inspection to determine the progress made and what further action may be required.

Mr. Marble also provided the Board with a copy of a petition directed to him to take action against the property owners at 855 Watson Pond Road, Michael Burnham. The property has become an unlicensed junkyard and transfer station. The signatories believe the property to be degrading to the neighborhood and a health hazard. The petition also contended that there were strong odors coming from the property, as well as an obvious reduction in neighboring property values.

At the last meeting, it was decided that sign posts would be ordered for the installation of missing street sign posts, as well as new traffic safety signs. The price was unexpectedly high, but the purchase was necessary.

- LaBelle/Archer      Motion to pay for the 12-foot sign posts out of contingency.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
  
- LaBelle/Archer      Motion to sign the quitclaim deed for Theodore Zimba on Map 8, Lot 14  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
  
- LaBelle/Archer      Motion to sign the quitclaim deed for Richard Duffy, Jr. on Map 8, Lot 15A-C  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
  
- Archer/LaBelle      Motion to sign the quitclaim deed for Jason Toner on Map 15II, Lot 11-12  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)
  
- LaBelle/Archer      The meeting be adjourned.  
LaBelle, Archer in favor (2-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 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