

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 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 Carroll Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Lynn Matson, Steve McCarthy, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Archer/Charles Motion to accept minutes for December 5, 2016 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

General and Payroll Warrants were reviewed. Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr., submitted total timesheets for Fire (\$5,845) and Rescue (\$2,741) on all unpaid wages through November.

Belgrade Lakes Association President Lynn Matson provided information on the work of the association. The association has made significant progress in 2016; Mr. Matson reviewed a document with plans for 2017. One of the most significant focuses of the organization has been to prevent the spread of milfoil. There are new areas where the plant has been found, but these incidents have been isolated. Mr. Matson asks that the Board of Selectmen consider a request of \$10,000 for support of the Belgrade Lakes Association.

Property owner Steve McCarthy spoke regarding concerns near his Augusta Road property and an application pending before the planning board. Mr. McCarthy stated that he believed the Town was responsible for prior misrepresentations by a previous code enforcement officer. Mr. McCarthy requests relief from the Board of Selectmen; he cites the potential for litigation against the Town. The Board of Selectmen maintain that due process must be maintained and that the Planning Board should make a decision before the Selectmen entertain any relevant concerns.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update on the condition of the roads. He provides a proposal from Pike Industries for the paving of the remainder of Watson Pond Road in the amount of \$271,000. He estimates an additional \$25,000 to \$30,000 will be needed to complete related earthwork.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to warrant an article (referendum question) for the paving and
reconstruction of the remainder of Watson Pond Road, in the amount of
\$300,000.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to sign agreement between the Town and Pike Industries, contingent
upon funding approval at Town Meeting, for the paving of Watson Pond
Road.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for maintenance of local roads and bridges in the amount of \$30,000.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for the purchase, maintenance, and installation of street signs in the amount of \$1,200.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for the printing of the annual town report in the amount of \$1,003.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for the purchase and stockpiling of salt and sand in the amount of \$50,580.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for payment of municipal solid waste disposal (landfill) in the amount of \$41,000.00. Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstain (2-0-1)
LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for contractual payment to Humane Society Waterville Area in the amount of \$1,478.23. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for community center improvements in the amount of \$2,500.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to establish a capital reserve account for the Community Center. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/LaBelle	Motion to warrant an article to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to establish a legal expense capital account. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Family Violence in the amount of \$1,000.00. Archer in favor; LaBelle, Charles opposed (1-2) Motion fails.
Charles/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Family Violence in the amount of \$750.00. Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)
Charles/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Kennebec Behavioral Health in the amount of \$600.00. Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)

- Charles/LaBelle Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Spectrum Generations in the amount of \$638.00
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Charles/Archer Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Sexual Assault, Crisis, and Support Centers in the amount of \$350.00
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)
- Charles/Archer Motion to warrant an article for a donation to LifeFlight of Maine in the amount of \$500.00
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)
- LaBelle/Charles Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry in the amount of \$2,000.00
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Archer/Charles Motion to reject consideration of donation to Hospice Volunteers of Waterville (request received for \$400.00)
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for donation to Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Youth Conservation Corps in the amount of \$3,600.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance submitted a request for \$2,000.00 to support the Courtesy Boat Inspection program. There is no motion made.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided an update on her office. She would like to seek feedback on the public's opinion of changing office hours on Wednesday. Currently, her office is open 6:00-8:00PM; she would like to change hours to 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Very rarely does she assist customers during this time and believes that her hours may better serve the public if she were open during the day. Lyons suggests not making a decision on the change until Town Meeting, at which time any hours adjustments could be published in the Town Report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle
First Selectman