

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 27, 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, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Doug Woodsum

North Pond Association President Doug "Woody" Woodsum introduced himself to the Board and provided a brief overview of the organization. Mr. Woodsum has submitted a request for \$1,000 to be considered to support the association's courtesy boat inspection program.

Archer/Charles Motion to accept minutes for December 12, 2016 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Resident Debbie Bachand has submitted a written request for a refund of excise taxes paid on a vehicle she no longer owns. The refund requested is in the amount of \$381.31. Selectman LaBelle states that the Town has never provided cash refunds unless the Town was responsible for a calculation error. Excise Tax Collector Kimberly Brooks states that Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles has advised her that the credit should be retained by the Town and may be used against a re-registration of another vehicle as a pro-rated amount. The Board takes no action.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign the 2017 contract between the Town of Rome and the
Humane Society Waterville Area for required animal shelter services, in the
amount of \$1,474.60.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Archer reviews a list of recommendations from the insurer that should be completed before the next inspection. The stove and fan in the Community Center kitchen require an annual deep cleaning. The Board discusses hiring a contractor, among other options, to clean the stove unit.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to pay Kimberly Brooks \$100.00 to clean the stove and overhead
vent, if willing and able.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle reads a letter from the Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village, requesting a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the downtown revitalization. Selectman Charles states complete opposition to this request; Selectmen LaBelle and Archer believe a lesser amount should be considered. LaBelle states that he believes there is positive economic potential for Rome if the project is successful. This should also strengthen property values in the area.

Charles/Archer Motion to table request for Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village.
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)

- Charles/Archer Motion to warrant an article for a donation to Maine Public (formerly MPBN) in the amount of \$100.00.
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)
- LaBelle/Charles Motion to deny request for \$505.00 from Children's Center, due to insufficient information being provided.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant articles for the 2017 warrant, duplicating 2016 articles 57-63, 66, 67.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle questions the Board's interest in developing an ordinance or moratorium on retail marijuana establishments in Rome. Maine Municipal Association Legal Department has provided sample ordinances that can address concerns, if it is the pleasure of the board.

- Charles/Archer Motion to send draft *Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in Rome* to Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble for his review, consideration, and feedback.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Charles/LaBelle The meeting be adjourned.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen