

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECEMBER 5, 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 Kimberly Brooks, Andrew Cook, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Lois Stratton.

Charles/Archer            Motion to accept minutes for November 28, 2016 selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr. addressed the board regarding a past due bill from Kenworth for truck repairs. It was indicated by the repair shop that all work would be covered under warranty; the company now denies this. Pearl requests that the bill not be paid until further explanation can be sought from the company.

RSU 18 School Board Representative and member of the RSU Cost Sharing Committee, Dr. Andrew Cook, spoke with the Board regarding the outcome of the recent committee work. He is disappointed in the final results and reinforces the importance of accountability, teamwork, and foresight. Cook reviews his summary of the process and questions how the board wishes to proceed. Much of the process was discouraging with Oakland, China, and Sidney voting in bloc to prevent voters from reviewing the formula.

The Board of Selectmen begins the process of reviewing budgets for fiscal year 2016.

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to warrant an article allowing for the expense of 3/12 of the previous  
year's budget for operation in the first three months of the following year.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles            Motion to warrant an article for General Assistance budget in the amount of  
\$3,000.00.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to warrant an article for Community Center Maintenance and  
Operations budget in the amount of \$17,500.00.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to warrant an article for Care of Town Cemeteries budget in the  
amount of \$3,000.00.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to warrant an article for Brush Cutting budget in the amount of  
\$8,000.00.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for Snow Plow Contract budget in the amount of \$65,750.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for Maintenance of the Salt and Sand Shed in the amount of \$2,500.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for Property, Casualty, and Unemployment Insurances in the amount of \$26,000.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for Notary Public budget in the amount of \$500.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for the Audit of the Town Bookst in the amount of \$5,000.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/LaBelle	Motion to warrant an article for the deposit of \$2,500.00 into the Transfer Station Savings Account. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for payment of Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) in the amount of \$3,367.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for the contractual operations of the Belgrade Region Dams in the amount of \$2,700.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Archer/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for the maintenance and repairs of the Great Pond dam (payable to Belgrade Region Dams) in the amount of \$2,700.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for TRIO software budget in the amount of \$8,850.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Charles	Motion to warrant an article for Salaries in the amount of \$96,623.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
LaBelle/Archer	Motion to warrant an article for payment of Social Security and Medicare taxes in the amount of \$9,500.00. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/LaBelle      Motion to warrant an article for departmental expense accounts in the amount of \$8,300.00.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle  
First Selectman