

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016  
MINUTES**

Chair Kelly Archer called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen Archer, LaBelle, and Charles were present. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Tammy Lyons, and Kathleen Ross.

Archer/Charles            Motion to accept minutes for January 25, 2016, selectmen's meeting  
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer is not present; there is no report.

Road Commissioner is not present; there is no report.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided a report on her office. We are in receipt of \$423.68 for snowmobile registration reimbursement from the State of Maine. This money typically is transferred to the active snowmobile club. The appropriation of this money will be included in an article for town meeting. The money will be held until after town meeting.

The audit staff has completed the in-office portion of the audit and has provided a short report for review before finalization. Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided the board with a copy for review before she confirms the information with the auditing firm.

Lyons informs the board of her intention to close the Tax Collector and Treasurer's office the week of February 13-21. Regular hours will resume February 22. Notice will be made on the town website and in a local brief with the Morning Sentinel and Kennebec Journal.

Interim Kennebec County Sheriff Ryan Reardon notified the board via email of a grant to enhance speed enforcement in the county. Request was made for any locations in town that could use an added focus. Locations provided to the Sheriff are: Route 225 in Rome Hollow 30 MPH zone; Intersection of Routes 225 and 27; Route 27 near Belgrade town line at 35/25 MPH zone.

The Community Center painting project is set to begin this week. The representative from the Department of Corrections provided the measurements and quantity of needed product. Selectman Kelly Archer will purchase all supplies at Marden's and Home Depot. Archer will call the work program supervisor when the product has been secured.

Realtor Tom Dunham contacted Selectman Richard LaBelle to determine whether or not the town would be interested in the possible purchase of the Cousineau property on Route 27. The board had conducted a site visit in December. Any action will be tabled until after town meeting, at which time a public hearing will be scheduled. Discussion may continue at town meeting under the article related to the Transfer Station CD raise and appropriation.

Spirit of America Award resolutions were reviewed and modified.

LaBelle/Charles        Motion to approve resolutions for Spirit of America Award recipients.  
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Planning Board Co-chair Dick Greenan provided the board with an updated version of the Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance. This was approved at the 2015 town meeting, but was never renewed. Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble, on behalf of the Planning Board, has requested that this appear for consideration on the Town Warrant.

LaBelle/Archer        Motion to approve the official text, as amended, for the Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance.  
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks  
Assistant to the Selectmen

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Kelly Archer, First Selectman

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Richard A. LaBelle, Second Selectman

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Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman