

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 16, 2016
MINUTES**

Selectman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 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 and Kathleen Ross.

Charles/LaBelle Motion to accept minutes for February 8, 2016, selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Charles in favor, Archer abstain (2-0-1)

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

Email communication was received from Code Enforcement Officer Marble indicating that an administrative appeal will be filed against the permit issued for Camp Caruso/Porter Trust. The intent to file has been received; the complete application is due to be overnighted. The appeal is filed on behalf of Doris Jorgenson, Eric Jorgenson, and the Concerned Citizens of Beaver Brook.

Road Commissioner is not present; there is no report.

The Selectmen discussed the posting of local roads. Also, bump signs were purchased at KVCOG for posting where necessary. Selectman Charles calls Road Commissioner Bubar to ensure plans are in place for posting.

Treasurer & Tax Collector is not present; there is no report.

The Board of Selectmen recognizes an email communication received from Peninsula Drive resident David Grody expressing his concerns over the Planning Board's decision to approve the Camp Caruso application. No response will be issued.

Selectman Richard LaBelle provided an update on possible bridge grants available to assist with the reconstruction of Watson Pond Road. There is a grant available through Maine DEP intended to help with runoff, fishways, and/or safety. LaBelle will continue to work on completing an application for the *Stream Crossing Public Infrastructure Improvement Projects* grant.

RSU 18 Superintendent Gary Smith provided an email update on the budget forecast. Superintendent Smith is forecasting a 1% increase in the budget. This increase will amount to approximately \$67,000 increase for the Town of Rome; this is approximately +5%.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to send response letter to RSU Superintendent Gary Smith and the
RSU Board of Directors requesting a zero-increase to the Town of Rome
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to approve the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant, in full.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Kimberly R. Brooks, Assistant to the Selectmen, will be charged with posting the warrant in three conspicuous places throughout town, as legally required. Postings will be made at the Rome Community Center, Mt. Phillip Grange, and Rome Eastside Fire Station (Rome Rd.). Brooks will provide a copy of *Return on Warrant* to Town Clerk Lois Stratton for town records.

Selectmen LaBelle provided an update on legal clarification received from Maine Municipal Association. Sexton Mike Proctor submitted inquiry regarding the legal requirement for a liner or vault being used in burials. MMA Legal Department advises that State law does not address this concern. If there are no town rules, there are no requirements for liners or vaults. This advice has been forwarded to Sexton Proctor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen

Kelly Archer, First Selectman

Richard A. LaBelle, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman