

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
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, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Kathleen Ross.

Archer/Charles            Motion to accept minutes for February 6, 2017 selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles            Motion to accept minutes for February 16, 2017 selectmen's meeting  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Charles spoke regarding the current stockpile of winter salt and sand. The supply is very low and the contractor has requested 400 yards of sand and approximately 66 tons of salt. Selectman Charles will coordinate with the contractor and Road Commissioner to ensure delivery is made as soon as possible.

The Board of Selectmen discusses winter road maintenance concerns. There have been several complaints received by each member; however, there have been a large number of compliments received regarding the contractor the recent large storm. There were concerns expressed regarding the width of Crystal Springs Lane; snow contractor Cecil Merry of Pavement Plus took care of the safety issue in a very timely manner.

The Road Commissioner will be posting roads within the next week.

Animal Control Officer Kathleen Ross submits her recent requests for payment—mileage and time/call reimbursements. Selectman LaBelle inquires regarding charges related to the handling and transportation of a porcupine to Vassalboro. Selectman LaBelle states he believes that wildlife, unless a threat to humans or domesticated animals, are the responsibility of the Warden Service or the private individual.

Ms. Ross states that she has always handled wildlife concerns and she believes this should continue. Selectman LaBelle states that he believes the handling of similar wildlife concerns should be handled privately and should not be financially shouldered by the Town.

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to recess for attendance at the Public Hearings with the Planning  
Board.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting recessed at 6:29 p.m.

Note: Audio record of the Public Hearing is available in the record of the Planning Board by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer.

Selectman LaBelle calls the meeting of the Board of Selectmen back to order at 6:49 p.m.

Charles/Archer	Motion to certify the proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Rome. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/LaBelle	Motion to accept the proposal of Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry to serve as the Town's new municipal legal counsel. LaBelle, Charles in favor; Archer opposed (2-1)
Archer/LaBelle	The meeting be adjourned. LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks  
Assistant to the Selectmen