

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Chair Kelly Archer called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:35 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, Carroll Bubar, Gary Foss, Barbara Holt, Tammy Lyons, Ed Pearl, Jr., Sandra Phillips, Kathleen Ross, and Peter Serrada.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to accept minutes for January 11, 2016, selectmen's meeting
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to accept minutes for January 14, 2016, selectmen's meeting
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Attorney Ted Small sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the possible recovery of attorney fees related to the Global Towers case. Small advised the board that it was unlikely that attorney fees would be recovered; law expressly allowed for expenses (hotel, travel, etc.).

Charles/LaBelle Motion to decline the pursuit of legal fees related to Global Towers Assets
lawsuit.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcement Office is absent; there is no report provided. Action regarding 22 South Mountain Drive will be tabled until next meeting.

Road Commissioner is absent; there is no report provided.

Fire Chief Gary Foss states that there is a new member on Rome Rescue that would like to pursue taking a certification course at Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC). This would require a special payroll in order to secure placement in the course.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to process and approve a special warrant for payment to KVCC.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Board of Selectmen join Budget Committee at 7:00 p.m. for joint session to discuss the proposed 2016 municipal budget.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to amend Article 55 to read, "to discount tax bills 3%"
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Budget Committee sets the next meeting for this Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Rome Community Center. Notifications have been sent to the Morning Sentinel/Kennebec Journal, posted on the website, and posted at the Town Office. Due to the nature of business, a Board of Selectmen meeting will be scheduled at the same time and will be posted in the same manner.

The Budget Committee adjourns at 9:58 p.m. and the Board of Selectmen continue the regular meeting.

The Board considers nominations of Spirit of America Award. The award must be reported to the foundation before the end of February and will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle
Second Selectman

Kelly Archer, First Selectman

Richard A. LaBelle, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman