

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 23, 2017
MINUTES

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the public hearings of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Community 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 public hearing were Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Fred Gagnon, Sandy Gagnon, Dick Greenan, Alan LaBelle, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Kathleen Ross, and Lois Stratton.

Selectman LaBelle opened up the public hearing on *Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Town of Rome*. There were a few questions regarding medical marijuana regulation, which is not governed under this proposal.

Selectman LaBelle opened up the public hearing on *Wind Energy Systems Ordinance for the Town of Rome, Maine*. Planning Board Co-Chair Dick Greenan provided a summary of the ordinance. Planning Board member Fred Gagnon recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the ordinance be adequately reviewed by an attorney before the Town became party to another expensive lawsuit. The Board of Selectmen will consider this suggestion.

Selectman LaBelle opened up the public hearing on the proposed referendum article *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000.00 for the paving and reconstruction of the remaining distance of Watson Pond Road and to appropriate all monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) to fund this project*. Selectman LaBelle provided an overview of the proposed plans and costs associated with the project. Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided additional details. This proposal is a part of a continued effort to get the Town back on a schedule of proper road maintenance.

Selectman LaBelle declared the public hearings closed at 5:55 p.m.

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, Gary Foss, Fred Gagnon, Sandy Gagnon, Maine Department of Labor Workplace Safety and Health Division Director Steven Greeley, Dick Greenan, Maine Department of Labor Workplace Safety and Health Division Program Manager Michael LaPlante, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr., Kathleen Ross, Lois Stratton, and State Senator Rodney Whittemore.

Representatives from the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, Workplace Safety and Health Division were present for the presentation of the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) to the Rome Fire department. Division Director Steven Greeley and Program Manager Michael LaPlante presented Fire Chief Gary Foss with a plaque representing the certification. SHAP certifies that the Department meets the requirements of the SafetyWorks! Voluntary protection program. State Senator Rod Whittemore was also present to congratulate Chief Foss, the Department, and the Board of Selectmen for this great accomplishment.

Selectman LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen back to order in the Selectmen's Office at 6:44 p.m. for action on items of regular business.

Charles/Archer Motion to accept minutes for January 9, 2017 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to accept \$100.00 donation to the Rome Fire Department from Dr. Arthur Brown, with thanks.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles Motion to warrant an article for Emergency Management Agency 2017 budget in the amount of \$200.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for Fire Department 2017 budget in the amount of \$38,500.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Building Maintenance	\$7,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$3,500
New Equipment	\$8,000
Wages	\$12,000
Training	\$600
Truck Maintenance	\$3,600
Tower Fee	\$300
Maine State Compliance	\$1,300
Medical	\$200
Grant Match	\$2,000

LaBelle/Charles Motion to warrant an article for \$15,000 to be deposited into the Fire Department New Truck CD.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for Rescue Department 2017 budget in the amount of \$11,950.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Equipment Maintenance	\$1,500
New Equipment	\$1,600
Wages	\$4,500
Training & Education	\$2,000
Truck Maintenance	\$2,000
Licenses and Fees	\$350

Charles/Archer Motion to warrant an article for \$10,000 to be deposited into the Rescue Department New Truck CD.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle stated that the load of salt typically ordered in January has arrived today. As of now, there is no need to purchase additional salt or sand, but that Road Commissioner Bubar has made contact with several vendors to price out sand. Salt would be purchased under our joint purchasing agreement.

- LaBelle/Charles Motion to sign Animal Control Service Agreement between the Town of Rome and Kathleen, effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to certify Wind Energy Systems Ordinance for the Town of Rome, Maine and warrant an article for consideration at open town meeting.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for 2017 Maine Municipal Association dues in the amount of \$2,015.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Charles Motion to amend the warrant article for town salaries to be \$97,873. This adjustment will allow for an additional \$1,000 for the treasurer to replace current fees and \$500 for the Assistant to the Selectmen when the assistant begins to enter general warrants in, on the board's behalf.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for town meeting: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for new Town Clerk training, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen. Costs to include labor, mileage, tolls, cost of course attendance and materials, and any other costs deemed relevant by the Board of Selectmen.*
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Archer/Charles Motion to warrant an article for donation of \$1,000 to North Pond Association for Courtesy Boat Inspection.
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle opposed (2-1)
- Archer/Charles Motion to amend the warrant article for the Belgrade Lakes Association to be the amount of \$12,000 and include Long Pond in the language of the article.
Archer, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstain (2-0-1)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to warrant an article for donation of \$1,000 to the Rome Ruff Riders.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/ Motion to warrant an article for donation of \$5,000 to Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village.
There was no second; motion fails.
- Charles/Archer Motion to ask Bob Nutting to moderate open Town Meeting in March.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen