

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 25, 2016
MINUTES**

Chair Kelly Archer called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:52 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 Andrew Cook, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Kathleen Ross.

Rome's representative to RSU 18 Board of Directors, Dr. Andrew G. Cook, provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the state of the RSU. There were several points of discussion, related to his information sheet. Cook also reminded the Board of the RSU Governance Meeting scheduled for February 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Messalonskee Middle School. He strongly encourages town officials to be present, as well as any other interested member of the public.

Charles/Archer Motion to accept minutes for January 21, 2016, selectmen's meeting
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Contractor and resident Tom Orr phoned Selectman LaBelle to notify the board of damage sustained to the public salt/sand structure at the salt/sand shed. The structure had been pushed off the foundation. Orr is taking steps to correct the damage and will complete the task at no cost to the town.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided the board with an update on recent activity. There was a violation issued to property owners Doug & Marti Casserly at 22 South Mountain Drive. A shed was constructed within the shoreland zone and was not in compliance with the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Further, there was never a permit issued for the project. A double permit fee was assessed, as customary. Marble also issued a standard violation of \$1,000.00 for the project. The Casserly's have submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for reconsideration of the penalty. The shed will be moved and the terrain will be returned to its original state.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to assess a \$500.00 fine to Doug & Marti Casserly for violation at 22
South Mountain Drive. Corrective action is to be completed prior to June 15,
2016.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Marble will notify the property owners of the assessment.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to authorize Harris Computer to conduct TRIO Motor Vehicle
training up to \$975.50, to be paid from contingency.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Treasurer and Tax Collector Tammy Lyons provided an update on the condition of her offices. She provided the board with new reports available to her through TRIO software. Lyons also expressed a concern to the board over the possibility of the town deciding to explore splitting the roles of tax collector and treasurer to two people. There has been no action taken to explore this

change, but exploration was suggested by the Budget Committee. The Board ensured that should the town explore the possibility of ever splitting the position, Lyons would be included in the discussion from the start. There are no plans to split these positions at this time.

Selectman Charles provided an update on the painting project at the Community Center. The work is to be completed by participants in the Maine Department of Correction’s work program. The tentative start date for the work will be February 1, 2016. The crew will be responsible for moving any and all furniture, covering any surfaces to prevent paint splatter, etc. This labor will come at no cost to the town. Should the town decide to provide lunch for the participants, the supervisor would like advance notice.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to approve agreement between Maine Department of Public Safety and the Town of Rome for continuation of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer Motion to certify official text of proposed ordinance entitled “Planning Board Ordinance.”
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Archer Motion to certify official text of proposed ordinance entitled “Board of Appeals Ordinance.”
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/Charles Motion to issue notice of public hearing on secret ballot referendum issues for February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rome Community Center.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

Archer/LaBelle Motion to accept \$100.00 donation to Rome Fire from Thomas Varney in memory of the late Ted Brown, Jr.
Archer, LaBelle, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle
Second Selectman

Kelly Archer, First Selectman

Richard A. LaBelle, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman