

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 11, 2016
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:04 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, Carroll Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Madeline St. Amour.

Charles/Archer Motion to accept minutes for June 27, 2016, selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle provides a summary of the Kennebec County budget for 2016-17. For commitment purposes, the board budgeted \$301,387. The actual assessment for this period is \$294,924.10.

Archer/Charles Motion to vote for Elaine Aloes, Selectman of Solon, for the Maine
Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to vote for Tim Curtis, Town manager of Madison, for the Maine
Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Archer Motion to vote for Linda Cohen, of South Portland, as Vice President of the
Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to vote for James Gardner, Jr. (Easton), Christine Landes (Bethel),
and Mary Sabins (Vassalboro), as members of the Maine Municipal
Association Executive Committee.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Excise Tax Collector Kimberly Brooks has provided a brief summary of the costs to implement Rapid Renewal/online motor vehicle registration. At the request of the board, she will request additional information from InforME, with regards to motor vehicles, as well as Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.

Charles/Archer Motion to sign contract with Waste Management for solid waste disposal,
effective February 1, 2017, for a period of five years.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Resident Peter Fotter has left a message at the Town Office requesting a call from the Board of Selectmen regarding the speed limit on Oak Ridge. The board requested a speed limit analysis on that road; however, MaineDOT stated that the limit would not be decreased. Given the current legal

situation between the Town of Rome and Mr. Fotter, a written response regarding the speed limit is generated and will be mailed. No phone call will be returned.

Charles/Archer Motion to sign letter to Peter Fotter regarding the speed limit on Oak Ridge.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

With regards to *Town of Rome v. Peter Fotter, et al.*, the case has been ordered to mediation. Mediation is scheduled for July 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Mediation will be at the Rome Town Office.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to pay \$67.50 to the Town of Belgrade Recreation Department to support a child's attendance at Camp Golden Pond. These funds are approved at the written request of resident Mark Haggarty. These funds are to be expended from the campership account.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Town Clerk Lois Stratton provided a written update on the status of dog licensing. There are only a few outstanding dogs that are not licensed. Year to date, the town has collected \$1,750 in late fees.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update on recent roadwork. Bubar cut back overgrown shoulders on Jamaica Point Road. The culvert at Fawn Estates and Watson Pond Road was replaced. Roadside mowing is scheduled to begin this week.

Bubar has been working closely with a representative of MaineDOT to ride all local roads to conduct a safety assessment. As a part of a subsidized sign program, MaineDOT has made recommendations for sign installation. These signs will be available to the town for \$7.00 each. These signs will include stop signs, curve noticing, etc.

The Road Commissioner will work to repair Nickerson Lane, Ladd Road, and Oak Ridge. There is slight potholing and Bubar would like to make improvements at the end of each road.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to authorize Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar to work with Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) to coordinate planned work on North Pond Road, not to exceed \$5,000.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen

Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman