

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 13, 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, Andrew Cook, Tammy Lyons, Ed Pearl, Jr., and Madeline St. Armour.

Charles/Archer Motion to accept minutes for May 31, 2016, selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

RSU 18 School Board Director Dr. Andrew G. Cook provided an update on the RSU and the status of a proposed Honeywell project. The approximately \$2.2 million project will be financed through rollover debt and lease finance. The project is to be voted on by the school board for approval on June 15. Dr. Cook recommends approval, as the project is essential to continued building maintenance. A large portion of this project will entail the upgrade on HVAC systems at Messalonskee High School and Messalonskee Middle School. These projects will not enhance energy efficiency.

Selectman Malcolm Charles questions Dr. Cook with regards to the operating loss of the school lunch program. Dr. Cook states that the program operates at an approximate loss of \$60,000 per year. The total debt accumulated by this program is likely over \$2 million; Dr. Cook is unsure of how this debt is being financed. Cook has recommended that \$60,000 be added into the operating budget of the foodservice department in order to prevent the additional accumulation of debt; this proposal is not widely accepted. The superintendent has suggested the allocation of \$20,000 to help pay down the debt.

The Code Enforcement Officer is not present; there is no report.

Selectman LaBelle notes that contractor D.H. Pinnette has completed work at the salt and sand shed. The work is a part of an essential maintenance plan for the building approved by voters at town meeting. The contractor noted that there is an additional need for repairs to support beams on the interior; they are rotten. LaBelle states the support beams should be addressed if finances are available, but that the amount approved at town meeting should not be exceeded.

Selectman Charles states that snow contractor Cecil Merry of Pavement Plus will be in during the next meeting to discuss the contract and sign for the upcoming winter season. Merry also notified Charles of lighting issues at the salt and sand shed.

There were no bids received for the roadside mowing request for proposals.

Selectman LaBelle presented a draft of the Community Center licensing guidelines. The Town Clerk requested that there be guidelines established; the Board of Selectman has previously discussed items for inclusion.

Charles/Archer Motion to approve the Community Center Licensing Guidelines.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Town's volunteer insurance policy that covers board and committee members that receive little or no compensation is set to expire on July 1, 2016. The cost for the policy is \$2.25 per volunteer.

Charles/LaBelle Motion to renew the volunteer insurance with The Hartford, through Maine Municipal Association.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

At a previous meeting, the Board of Selectmen appointed individuals to the RSU 18 committee to review the local cost sharing formula. Since that meeting, Tammy Lyons has notified the Board of her interest in serving on this committee.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to appoint Kelly Archer as an alternate representative to the RSU 18 committee to review the local cost sharing formula.
LaBelle, Charles in favor; Archer abstain (2-0-1)

LaBelle/Archer Motion to appoint Tammy Lyons as a representative to the RSU 18 committee to review the local cost sharing formula.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The superintendent is notified of the adjustment in appointments, via email.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provides a summary report of the reconstruction project completed on Watson Pond Road. He presents the bill from Rick Labbe Construction to the board for approval, in the amount of \$48,982.00. This was the contracted price, with a nominal change order for ditching near the cemetery on Watson Pond Road.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to hire Carroll Bubar for the Town's annual roadside mowing, in the amount of \$2,000.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board discusses the process of releasing its interest in tax-acquired property.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to advertise Map 14, Lot 49 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$100.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle Motion to advertise Map 14, Lot 47 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$100.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle Motion to advertise Map 15, Lots 11 & 12 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$750.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to advertise Map 22, Lot 125 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$300.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

- LaBelle/Archer Motion to advertise Map 29, Lot 121 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$186.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to advertise Map 29, Lot 15A for sale with a minimum bid price of \$186.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Charles Motion to advertise Map 8, Lot 15A for sale with a minimum bid price of \$1,897.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Archer Motion to advertise Map 8, Lot 14 for sale with a minimum bid price of \$340.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- LaBelle/Charles Motion to advertise the aforementioned properties for sale by sealed bid, in accordance with rules approved at the town meeting, with a deadline for submission of July 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Opening, consideration, and award is to be held on July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Town has received a letter from Pine Tree Society stating that Pine Tree Camp will open for the season on June 7.

- LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign pole permit for Central Maine Power to replace poles on Mercer Road.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Archer/Charles Motion to approve list of ballot clerks submitted by Town Clerk Lois Stratton.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Animal Control Officer is not present; there is no timecard submitted. Selectman Kelly Archer will contact the Animal Control Officer to request an update on dog licensing enforcement, summonses, and payroll at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

July 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. is set for the public recognition of the Spirit of America Award recipients. This will be an opportunity for the public to gather and recognize the volunteerism of Dick Greenan and Alan LaBelle. Selectman Charles will order the cake; the Recreation Committee will coordinate decorations and serving at the event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen

Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman