

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 9, 2016
MINUTES**

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 Bobbi Avery, Charlie Baeder, Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Albert Knight, Tammy Lyons, and Andrew Marble.

Archer/Charles Motion to accept minutes for May 2, 2016, selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle Motion to add an update from RSU 18 to the agenda.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

RSU 18 Chief Operations Officer Bobbi Avery addressed the Board, in the place of Transportation Director Lenny Goff. Avery stated that if a bus does damage to a driveway or private road, as a result of a turn-around, the district will assess and make appropriate repairs. This is not a policy; it is an unwritten rule. Avery stated that she will supply a list of bus turnarounds before July, so that they may be built into the plow contract.

Avery encouraged everyone to attend the district's budget meeting on Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided feedback to the Board regarding a proposed job description for Code Enforcement Officer. Modifications were offered and accepted. Marble questioned whether there would be additional descriptions offered for other various positions usually accepted by the CEO, or if it would be all-encompassing.

Charles/Archer Motion to approve Code Enforcement Officer job description.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Marble requested the Board's permission to speak with Attorney Frank Underkuffler regarding the Baker subdivision case. There were no objections.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) Executive Director Charlie Baeder provided an update regarding the progress and financial status of support for the Watson Pond Road reconstruction project. Each site must be inspected, but Baeder predicts that there is opportunity for 50 percent contribution on \$28,190 of repairs.

Selectman LaBelle thanks Baeder for his continued support of this road project. He spoke with a representative from Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) and they are willing to help the Town write future grants to support similar work.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign RSU 18 budget warrant for referendum.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to sign estimate agreement with Pike Industries for \$180,000 for paving of Watson Pond Road.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar will contact Pike representative Brandon Cummings to make arrangements for grinding of the road. The road will be reclaimed for a period of time while earthwork projects are completed.

Resident Albert Knight filed a complaint on the condition of Foss Hill Road. The road is wet and has potholes. He demands that his road be graded with additional gravel hauled in. Selectman LaBelle states that on gravel roads that do not get substantial exposure to the sun, the roads tend to stay wetter longer. Spring in Maine often brings difficult gravel roads. The road will be graded when the contractor returns. Gravel may or may not be brought in, depending on the contractor's recommendations. The sign has been posted to warn of possible bumps.

Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided an update on filing deeds with the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds. Most towns file their own deeds for land sales to ensure they are properly recorded. The fees are typically passed along to the buyer. There is also a transfer tax that must be paid; this can be built into bid prices or assessed in addition to the bids.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to require payment of 2016 taxes on foreclosed properties that are sold through the annual land sale.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle states that resident Dick Greenan has generously donated a formal American flag, pole, and stand for use at the Community Center. The board wishes to express a note of thanks to Mr. Greenan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen

Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman