

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 14, 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 Charlie Baeder, Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Dr. Andrew Cook, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

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

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update on the status of roads. Selectman LaBelle stated that he received a phone call from resident Dan Giguere on Crystal Spring Lane related to a beaver blocking a cross culver. Bubar is aware of this. At the advice of Charlie Baeder, Bubar phoned game warden Terry Hughes about remediating the issue. Bubar was advised that he could clear the blockage if it was necessary to prevent damage to the roadway. If the issue persists, Bubar will contact Hughes once again.

Road Commissioner Bubar also requested monies to put surface gravel on the Ladd Road. The road is beginning to washboard, there is little surface, and no crown. He is concerned that this will cause significant problems through the winter and into spring.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to approve up to \$4,000.00 for road surface work on Ladd Road.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Charles states that resident Dave Sprague of Mercer Road called to say that there has been a problem with a culvert near his residence. It likely requires clearing of the blockage. Bubar will contact Mr. Sprague and will make a site visit.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Executive Director Charlie Baeder provided the Board with the cost-sharing agreement between BRCA and the Town for work completed on North Pond Road near Great Meadow Stream. Baeder reviewed the content of the agreement and fielded questions from the Board.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign cost-sharing agreement between BRCA and the Town for
work completed on North Pond Road.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr. stated his intentions to file for a Maine Forest Service grant in the coming weeks. This application requires the approval of the municipal officers.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to approve the application for the Maine Forest Service grant.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Dr. Andrew G. Cook spoke about the RSU 18 local funding cost-sharing formula committee. Cook believes that there should be a consensus at the Town level in order to effectively

represent the Town in the committee. The Superintendent has presented four options for the local cost-sharing. There is also the potential to split local shares of expenses and debt. Cook suggests that the final formula should settle at 50% valuation, 50% student count; this well represents each town's interests fairly.

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

Selectman LaBelle provided a draft request for proposals to solicit bids for municipal legal services. The RFP is a blend of three other towns that are currently seeking the same services.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to approve and issue the Request for Municipal Legal Services Proposal.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided an update on her office. There was an error made in October 2012 where a quitclaim deed should have been issued. This was never done and the property owners have requested the signing. Selectman LaBelle questions whether the claim is legitimate; will the Town books and Registry be correct with the signing of the deed. Lyons assures that this quitclaim deed will resolve the issue.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign the quitclaim deed for Map 27, Lot 33, releasing the Town's interest in this property, which should have been done in October 2012.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

The properties owned by Robert Nagle were foreclosed on in October. They maintain this home as primary residence. There was an issue in 2013 where tax payments were not applied to the oldest taxes due; this caused additional confusion with the property.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to authorize the Tax Collector to offer Map 15, Lot 301 and Map 15, Lot 219 to Robert Nagle (previous owner) for \$2,815.00.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided the list of properties foreclosed upon as a result of 2014 liens. There are eight properties; one has a structure, the remaining properties are just land.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to accept foreclosure list for 2014 liens, as provided.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Archer Motion to sign and send letters to department heads with timeline for 2017 budget requests and reports for the annual report. This includes placing a cap of \$250.00 on all purchases between now and December 31, 2016, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Selectmen.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen