

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 17, 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 Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Dana Knight, Tammy Lyons, Lincoln Nye, Ed Pearl, Jr., Kathleen Ross, and J. Jackson Schultz.

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

Animal Control Officer Kathleen Ross provided a brief update on the status of her work throughout the Town. It was noted that 2017 licenses are now available and that delinquent 2016 dog owners may be charged for 2016, in addition to 2017.

Town Clerk Lois Stratton provided that 2017 dog licenses were now available. Absentee ballots may also be requested at this time. The cutoff date for absentee ballot requests is November 3.

Excise Tax Collector Kimberly Brooks provided an update on motor vehicle registrations. The Town is finalizing the arrangement for Rapid Renewal, the online program for motor vehicle re-registration. Brooks is coordinating online training in the next week and resident should be able to use the service very soon.

Excise Tax Collector Brooks also noted that Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles is transitioning its use of registration forms from dot matrix printers to a new laser form. This will require a different printer. Currently, the Town has printers that will meet this need, but there may be a need to purchase new equipment. The new forms are being rolled out progressively over the next twelve months.

Resident Dana J. Knight provided the Board of Selectmen with photographs of his late brother's stone in the Village Cemetery. The stone is chipped and Knight believes that this was caused by mowing equipment. He was advised by the board to contact Sexton Mike Proctor and follow up with the Board of Selectmen if he is not content with the results.

Charles/Archer            Motion to accept \$300.00 donation from Lawrence "Larry" Garrison:  
\$100.00 to Rome Fire; \$100.00 to Rome Rescue; \$100.00 to Campership  
Fund.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Resident Jack Schultz spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding his unwavering support for Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar. Mr. Schultz states that he believes the Road Commissioner is being extorted by a resident for work Bubar was authorized to complete. Schultz strongly believes the Board of Selectmen should support Bubar in the event there is any legal situation that arises.

Resident Lincoln Nye spoke to the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of Rome Ruff Riders snowmobile club. Mr. Nye requests a time to meet with the Board regarding the potential opportunity for the snowmobile club to build a facility for equipment storage and meeting space. Selectman LaBelle states that this item of business will be added to the October 31 agenda for consideration.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided a brief update on the status of his office. He states that resident Sandra Mitchell has cleaned up bottles in the front of her Augusta Road property, but that there is still a pile of trash. Marble states that he will continue to monitor the property for correction.

Treasurer and Tax Collector Tammy Lyons provided a brief update on her office. Selectman LaBelle questions when the Town is scheduled to foreclose on properties for non-payment of taxes. Lyons states that foreclosure took place on October 6; she will provide the Board of Selectmen with the necessary legal documentation at the next meeting.

Lyons, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, also spoke regarding the new ballfield sign. She polls whether or not the sign should be installed by the sign maker, or if there was another option.

LaBelle/Archer            Motion to hire Signworks to install the new sign for the Rome Community Ballfield.  
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks  
Assistant to the Selectmen

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Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

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Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

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Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman