

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room 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, Kathleen Ross, and Lois Stratton.

Archer/Charles Motion to accept minutes for September 12, 2016 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

There was no public comment.

Animal Control Officer Kathleen Ross provided an updated list of unlicensed dogs. This list will be cross-referenced with the Town Clerk's outstanding warrant. Ross also submitted time sheets and expense request form.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided an update on the status of his office. He completed a site visit with Larry DiPietro on Augusta Road as a preliminary walk-through for the upcoming junkyard permit application. Marble is scheduled to meet with property owner Michael Burnham on Watson Pond Road this week to discuss the condition of his property and the expectations of the Town. Written notification has already been delivered to notify Burnham of the potential to accrue fines, as well as loss of tipping fee subsidy from the Town, if his property is not brought into compliance before October 1.

Selectman LaBelle read a letter of resignation from Lincoln Nye. Mr. Nye has requested the Board of Selectmen accept his resignation from the Recreation Committee.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to accept Lincoln Nye's resignation from the Rome Recreation
Committee with regret.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update to the Board. Bubar has greased the overhead door at the salt/sand shed and the door will require repair on the bottom where it has rusted. He is pricing out a fix for the door. Stockpiling of winter salt and sand will begin on Tuesday and is expected to be completed before the end of the week. It was planned to start on Monday, but was delayed due to weather.

North Pond Road culvert and ditching is planned to start as soon as possible. Bubar estimates the project will start within two weeks. If culvert replacement is necessary at any of the impacted residences, the Board authorizes the Road Commissioner to do so.

Doug Stratton has contacted SignWorks of Farmington to draft a design for a new sign for the ballfield. Designs were emailed and blend with the design of the current building sign.

LaBelle/Archer Motion to purchase new sign and hardware for the Rome Community Ballfield from SignWorks.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons provided an update on her office. She stated that she has emailed Maine Municipal Association Legal Department regarding the Batchelder/Cerrato case. She has not heard any substantive response. She should receive a response within the next day or two.

Lyons further elaborates on the issue with Batchelder/Cerrato. Selectman LaBelle states that the issue is not an abatement/supplemental action, but rather a credit for overpayment of taxes. He believes it is still imperative that the Batchelder refund is addressed prior to approving any refund. Issuance of a refund should be presented to the Board with a copy of the tax account status, in addition to a written request from the taxpayer.

Archer/LaBelle Motion to table action on Batchelder/Cerrato tax inquiry.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Archer Motion to authorize Selectman LaBelle to negotiate a drainage easement over the property of Michael & Candice Brown to enhance the road project on North Pond Rd.
LaBelle, Archer, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen

Richard A. LaBelle, First Selectman

Kelly Archer, Second Selectman

Malcolm Charles, Third Selectman