



**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
February 12, 2024 - MINUTES**

Kelly Archer, 1st Selectman called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:02 PM. 2nd Selectman Larry DiPietro, Jr. and 3rd selectman Robert Hudson were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Tammy Lyons, Abby DiPietro, Sandy Shute, Carroll Bubar and Laurie Dobson.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Hudson to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024, Seconded by DiPietro. Approved 3-0.

A motion was made by Hudson to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, special meeting, Seconded by DiPietro. Approved 3-0.

Warrant Item discussion, review of Budget Committee recommendations.

The Board has scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday March 4, 2024, at 6:00pm. The Board will review the warrant articles in preparation for the Town Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Admin Assistant DiPietro was able to speak with James Bass, lobbyist for Maine Legislature, in regard to the Towns position with KRDA/First Park. DiPietro reported that she will be in contact with the town lawyer for further input.

The Board spoke with Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar about the budget and projects for this year. Bubar is in support of paving Oak Ridge Road this season, but the Board is looking to do more maintenance on other roads. The Board understands that material will need to be brought into Oak Ridge to get through this mud season.

The Board spoke with Laurie Dobson in regard to the Veterans Memorial Garden project. After discussion it was proposed to do the project in stages and to fund raise while working on the first stage. The Board is committed to the project and has allotted ARPA funds to get the project going.

A motion was made by Hudson to allot \$10,000 in ARPA funds to the Veterans Memorial Garden project, Seconded by Archer. Approved 3-0.

The Recreation Committee chair, Sandy Shute was in attendance to talk about the success of the snowman making contest. Next year they hope to gather a bigger crowd and for better snowman building snow!

Department and Committee Reports:

Tax collector Tammy Lyons presented the Board with the final warrant for the last meeting. Lyons also received word from the auditors that their report would be ready by February 15, 2024. Lyons has presented the board with a donation to accept in honor of Frank Rizzo to the Fire & Rescue, the donation was received from Katherine Gerard.

A motion was made by DiPietro to accept a \$50.00 donation to Rome Fire & Rescue in memory of Frank Rizzo, Seconded by Hudson. Approved 3-0.

The previous recipient of the Boston Post Cane has passed away. The next Boston Post Cane recipient shall be determined and awarded.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm by DiPietro and seconded by Hudson. All approved 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Abby DiPietro
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Next regularly scheduled Select Board's Meeting will be held on

Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 6:00 PM