

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 17, 2018  
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen LaBelle, Stratton, and Charles were present. A quorum was declared. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Carroll Bubar, Abby DiPietro, Lawrence Garrison, and Tammy Lyons.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to accept minute for April 2, 2018 selectmen's meeting as amended.  
LaBelle, Charles in favor (2-0)

Code Enforcement is not present; there is no report.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar met with Pike Industries regarding the contract for North Pond Road reconstruction. They provided more competitive pricing for the project, requiring the Board to review the alternate contract.

Charles/LaBelle            Motion to sign revised contract with Pink Industries for North Pond Road  
\$262,288.50.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Stratton arrives at 6:06pm.

Bubar also updated the Board with the schedule for the reconstruction project on the North Pond Road. Pike Industries is scheduled to start the grinding process on April 23, 2018. Paving is scheduled to begin on May 7, 2018. This schedule is dependent on the weather throughout the project. Ditching material to be removed is available to residents upon request.

Bubar went on to talk about spring gravel road maintenance. He would like to put 3 loads of gravel into each dirt road as part of their yearly maintenance.

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to accept 3/4" gravel contract with Pike Industries.  
LaBelle, Stratton & Charles in favor (3-0)

Road Commissioner Bubar also wondered about taking the road posted signs down. LaBelle suggested seeing what the bordering towns did as far as taking their posters down. LaBelle also stated that the State of Maine typically removes their posters on the May 15 of each year, and that waiting and following their lead would be a good idea.

In old Business:

Selectman Stratton gave Selectman LaBelle the office keys from Kimberly Brooks, which were given to Stratton on Brooks' last day employed by the town on April 10, 2018. Also returned was her card for the State of Maine surplus store.

Also, due to Brook's resignation from the Recreation Committee, there is a vacancy. LaBelle wondered if the Board should advertise the position or award it to Carroll Bubar as he has expressed interest in the position. Stratton stated lack of interest in previous advertisements for similar positions and that the board should offer the position to Bubar.

Charles/Stratton            Motion to appoint Carroll Bubar to the Recreation Committee.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

A card of thanks was received from Abby DiPietro

Selectman Charles and Bubar began discussing the plans for the flagpole that was damaged in the October wind storm. Several ideas were discussed including eliminating the evergreen currently encroaching on the flag and pole, as well as trimming the evergreen to give adequate room for the flag to "fly". In the end, it was agreed to move the flagpole more to the center of the community center front lawn and leave the evergreen as it is.

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters related to the vacancy of Assistant to the Selectman and Excise Tax Collector.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Enter executive session at 6:27pm.

LaBelle/Charles            Motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Exit executive session at 7:07pm.

Stratton/Charles            Motion to appoint Abby DiPietro as Assistant to Selectman.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles            Motion to appoint Abby DiPietro as Excise Tax Collector/BMV agent.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector send Treasurer Tammy Lyons asks when the town land sale is expected to happen. LaBelle states it is scheduled to be finalized on June 4, 2018. LaBelle also stated that May 31, 2018, is the last day landowners may pay in full all back taxes, fees, interest, and 2018 estimates in order to reclaim the property. Lyons states she will mail letters to let the owners know of this information.

Also Lyons received an email from North Pond Association (NPA) asking when they should expect the \$1,000.00 donation that was voted on and approved at the annual town meeting. LaBelle asked to reply asking them for an invoice, and that the donation would be honored after the town starts to receive revenue from taxes.

The confirmed date for tax commitment has been set for May 23, 2018 at 9am.

Lyons stated that a workers' compensation audit was completed recently. Lyons received good feedback, as well as some suggestions and they were able to explain some procedures to simplify in preparation for the next audit.

Lyons also presented a “Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement Application” for the board to review and sign. The application was prepared by Matt Caldwell of RJD Appraisal for submission to the State of Maine.

LaBelle/Stratton            Motion to sign “Ration Declaration & Reimbursement Application”.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0).

The Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) approached the board asking for a letter of support in regards to a grant application, in coordination with Kennebec Soil and Water District for an upcoming Great Pond Watershed Plan.

Charles/Stratton            Motion to provide a letter of support to the Belgrade Lakes Association.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Stratton            Motion to adjourn.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro  
Assistant to the Selectman