

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 3, 2017
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, Stratton, and Charles were present. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Andrew Cook, Robert Crosby, Abby DiPietro, Christine Leblanc, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Lynnae Moeller, Eleanor Warren Nagle, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept minutes for March 20, 2017 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle reviewed the financials regarding Real Estate Accounts 326 and 605, owned by Robert Nagle and the subject of automatic foreclosure in October 2016. Bank of America has contacted Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy and wishes to pay all back taxes, interest, and fees on the properties. Mrs. Eleanor Warren Nagle states she has no opposition to Bank of America paying monies due the Town. If paid, the properties would be released into Robert Nagle's name.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to authorize Tax Collector Tammy Lyons to accept payment in full
from Bank of America for all back taxes, interest, fees, and 2017 projected
taxes on RE Accounts 326 and 605 and to release the property back to Robert
Nagle.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Rome's new Animal Control Officer Robert Crosby (431-3306) was formally introduced to the Board and public present. Mr. Crosby states he has had a good two weeks working for the town and is working to enforce the outstanding dog warrant.

Stratton/Charles Motion to approve the survey/application for the Town of Rome Academic
Option Exploratory Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Town Clerk Abby DiPietro provided an update on her familiarization with the office. She also provided an update on trainings already received and those planned. Her training for April 4 was canceled, due to impending weather, but will be rescheduled. She has a Vital Records course at the end of this month.

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to appoint Andrew Cook as KRDA/FirstPark General Assembly
Representative for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to appoint Lois Stratton as KVCOG General Assembly
Representative for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Town has received thank you letters from Spectrum Generations and Kennebec Behavioral Health for recent donations, approved at the 2017 Town Meeting.

Selectman LaBelle stated that projected 2018 Maine State Revenue Sharing numbers were released. In 2017, Rome is projected to receive \$15,400. 2018 projects a share of \$20,197 (an increase of over 30%).

The Town's new attorney, Sally Daggett of Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry will be at the Town Office next Thursday at 5:30PM to hold a meeting with key municipal officials. This will be a time for us to become familiar with her, as well as her with us. This will be posted as a special meeting for the Board of Selectmen; no other board will be gathered in quorum.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provided a brief update on the status of his office. There are a few minor violations that he is currently working on; there is one larger violation that will stretch into the late spring. Marble states that the season has been slow, in terms of new construction. Marble is also scheduled to be out of the office the week of April 17; the necessary postings will be made.

Treasurer and Tax Collector Tammy Lyons stated that the Maine Municipal Association insurances renewal has been completed and submitted.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A); review of Treasurer's policies and procedures for liens. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Executive session entered at 7:26 p.m.

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

Executive session adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to authorize the Treasurer, on behalf of the Assessors, to update property references in TRIO.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen