

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 20, 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, and Tammy Lyons.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept August 6, 2018 meeting minutes as printed.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Stratton has made steady progress toward her goal of raising funds for a new and improved flag pole for the Community Center/Town Office.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept donations for the flagpole project from Terry and Kimberly Hughes in the amount of \$50.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

A thank you card was received from the North Pond Association for the Town's donation to their organization.

On September 10, the 2018 Great Pond Watershed survey will begin. Participation is voluntary, but is encouraged to help correct and prevent any erosion or additional pollution to our local lakes and streams. For more information on this worthwhile survey please visit www.belgradelakesassociation.org.

A card of thanks was received from the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry for the Town's donation of \$1,500.

A dividend check in the amount of \$198 was received from Maine Municipal Association, for our workman's compensation policy.

Stratton/Charles Motion to authorize expense of ash testing thorough Northeast Laboratory, in compliance with FEMA request.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board received Service of Complaint & Summons in the case of *Bob and Janyce Volodkevich v. Town of Rome*.

Charles/Stratton Motion to add consideration of request for proposal for standby generator to the agenda.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board will be sending out a request for proposals to several local generator installers/providers, as opposed to advertising in the local newspaper.

Charles/Stratton Motion to mail solicitation of bids for fire station stand by generator.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle has spoken with assessing agent Matt Caldwell, and has asked for more communication, and periodic meetings to discuss abatements and assessment questions as needed. There is currently a breakdown in communications, as the agent is communicating to the board through the tax collector. More communication is needed; going forward, the board will schedule meetings to consider assessment concerns when the assessing agent is in the office.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update on our local roads. Bubar recently purchased 30 bags of cold patch. He has been traveling the town roads and using the cold patch as needed. The majority of the cold patch was needed on Dry Point Drive/Richardson Road, Wooster Hill Road and Mercer Road.

Tammy Lyons asked Bubar if there are plans to do any shoulder work on the newly paved North Pond Road. Lyons is concerned that without keeping the shoulders level with the roadway that the edges will begin to crack and fall away again. Bubar stated that he believes most of the road is okay, but that he did notice a section near the Meadow Stream Bridge on North Pond Road that he will address.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons updated the board on the recent release of tax-acquired properties. Lyons has received payment in full for all properties sold through the bid process. Quitclaim deeds for the remaining properties will be signed by the Board.

Lyons also updated the Board on 2016 foreclosures; 45 day notices will be mailed out this week. Currently there are 19 accounts facing foreclosure, the foreclosure date for the 2016 tax year is October 5, 2018.

Charles/Stratton Motion to sign quitclaim deed, Map 15-lot 268, to Linda Adams.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to sign quitclaim deed, Map 14-lots 50+51, to Alaina Murray.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to sign quitclaim deed, Map 14a-lot 69+70, to Toby Halperin.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to sign quitclaim deed, Map 14a-lot 133, to Toby Halperin.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro
Assistant to the Selectman