

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:01 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, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman LaBelle called the public hearing to order regarding the referendum question on the reconstruction and paving of North Pond Road, to be considered on March 9, 2017. There was no public comment.

Selectman LaBelle declared the public hearing adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Charles/Stratton      Motion to accept minutes for February 5, 2018 selectmen's meeting.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Code Enforcement is not present; there is no report.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar questioned whether the Town should explore future alternatives for road reconstruction. He will be doing more research into new products and processes for reconstruction and paving and will report back to the Board.

Road Commissioner Bubar notes that he has begun posting town-maintained roads; this will likely stay in effect until May 15. A posting will be put on the Town's website.

The Board reviewed the proposed contract between the Town and Pike Industries for North Pond Road.

Charles/Stratton      Motion to sign agreement between Pike Industries, Inc. and the Town of  
Rome in the amount of \$289,332.50 for work to be completed on North Pond  
Road, contingent upon Town Meeting approval.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Tax Collector and Treasurer is absent; there is no report.

LaBelle/Charles      Motion to sign contract between the State of Maine Department of Public  
Safety and the Town of Rome for dispatching services, July 1, 2018 to June  
30, 2019—a contract amount of \$5,527.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board is in receipt of a request from State of Maine Department of Transportation regarding construction on Route 225 and a request to waive overweight truck limits on town-maintained roads. The request also allows for the town to request a bond assurances.

LaBelle/Stratton      Motion to table action on the request from State of Maine Department of Transportation until a complete review of the request can be done, legal counsel sought, and documents for approval drafted.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons arrives and provides a report.

Charles/Stratton      Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Rome Fire and Rescue Departments from Pam Christensen, in memory of Allen Ruez.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles      Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Rome Rescue Department from Frederick Weston.  
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Treasurer Lyons states that she has been contacted by Charlie Baeder and Denny Phillips regarding a formerly tax-acquired property from 1995. The quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest was apparently never filed at the registry of deeds. She inquires with the Board how they would like to proceed. Selectman LaBelle states that he supports signing a quitclaim deed at the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to properly release the Town's interests. He also notes that this does not guarantee interests, that the Town doesn't provide legal advice, and that any perspective buyer should consult licensed legal counsel.

Tax Collector Lyons is planning to file 30-day notices. The window to file has just opened and she has four months to complete the process. In order to properly do so, she will require 911 addresses on certain accounts; she has submitted this request to the 911 Addressing Officer.

Tax Collector Lyons turns over a completed 2018 property tax levy limit worksheet completed by the assessing agent, for use at the annual town meeting.

It is noted that the RSU 18 Governance Meeting is scheduled for March 8. The Town is also in receipt of its annual franchise fee, in the amount of \$12,049.47. This is an increase of \$7,668.79 over the previous year payment which was \$4,380.95.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle  
First Selectmen