

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 9, 2018
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:04 pm 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 Abby DiPietro, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept minutes for June 25, 2018, selectmen meeting, as amended.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Road Commissioner was not present; there is no report.

Code Enforcement officer was not present; there is no report.

The Board of Selectman reviewed the previously discussed purchasing policy. All members of the Board express support for the implementation of a similar policy. A discussion ensued regarding the threshold for requiring preapproval of a purchase order. It is determined that purchase orders shall be used for all expenditures, but that those exceeding \$250 shall be preapproved by the Board of Selectmen unless it is an emergency. As opposed to having a higher threshold for mandatory bid process, the Board proposes drafting language that states that the use of a competitive bid process shall be used when ordered by the Board of Selectmen and/or as determined by a vote of the legislative body (i.e. Town Meeting).

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr. states that the Board should consider allowing for certain exceptions like truck maintenance. The Board will consider a revised policy that may allow for such exceptions made in cooperation with preferred vendors.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept donations for the flagpole revitalization project from Bear Spring Camps in the amount of \$50.00, Lois Stratton in the amount of \$50.00, Peter and Tammy Fotter in the amount of \$100.00, Timothy Comeford in the amount of \$50.00 and Richard LaBelle in the amount of \$25.00.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to sign quitclaim deed for lot 96 at Brookside Cemetery in the name of William Dudley.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle is close to completing the FEMA application for reimbursement from the October wind storm. Currently damages are estimated at \$15,157; that total does not include fire department expenses or community center expenses. LaBelle plans to complete the application later this week. If granted, the reimbursement is for 90% of eligible expenses.

Stratton/Charles

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro
Assistant to the Selectman