

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 26, 2017
MINUTES

Second Selectman Lois Stratton 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 Stratton and Charles were present; Selectman LaBelle is absent. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Gary Foss, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept minutes for June 12, 2017 selectmen's meeting
Stratton, Charles in favor (2-0)

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar provided an update on summer roadwork. Bubar continues to add gravel to shoulders on Watson Pond Road. Pike Industries' work is complete. Roadside mowing will start the week after July 4.

Fire Chief Gary Foss and Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr. came in to inquire about an email request for firefighter timecards. Selectman LaBelle had sent an e-mail requesting firefighter timecards are submitted for payment on or before July 7 for payment on the July 10 warrant. This would keep the Town in compliance with state statute regarding payroll and municipal firefighters. Fire Chief Gary Foss states that the department will not be complying with the Board's request for payroll turned in before the end of June. They received the request on June 19 and 11 days is not enough time to prepare employee timecards.

The Fire Department has drafted a letter to send to Pine Tree Camp to charge for calls. The Department was told that they did not have the authority to send out bills and that only the Selectmen and Treasurer had the authority to do so.

Selectman Charles stated that he would like to see a policy in place to deal with long calls (i.e. standoffs), which might violate the mutual aid agreements.

Selectman Stratton notified the public that the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be held at Pine Tree Camp. The formal meeting will start at 6:00 p.m., but a barbecue and facility tour will be open to the public beginning at 4:30 p.m. Pine Tree Camp is looking to strengthen relationships with the townspeople. The event will be advertised and the Board will be requesting RSVPs for the barbecue.

Selectman Charles makes a motion to table cemetery lot fee consideration until the next meeting. There was no second; the motion fails. Selectman Stratton states she believes the Board should have been prepared to make a decision at this meeting, following the recent public hearing. She opposes delaying a decision.

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble provides an update on the status of his office. He conducted a site visit on Saturday, June 24 to review the DiPietro's compliance with junkyard regulations. Marble states the results were not good; he revisited today.

CEO Marble also issued a violation on Wildwood Estates for an owner building a garage without a permit.

Janet DiPietro requested the Board sign a recycling letter for the purposes of maintaining dealer plates through Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Selectman Stratton contacted contractor Tom Orr in order to replace the entry step at the Community Center. The repair will be made in the next week.

Resident Julie LaRue requested a tax abatement as a result of her property being located across the street from an unlicensed junkyard and trash collector.

Charles/Stratton The meeting be adjourned.
Stratton, Charles in favor (2-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
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