

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 29, 2019
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 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 Tim Comeford, Dennis Keschl, Doug McCafferty, Ed Pearl, Jr., Sandra Phillips, Jack Schultz, Peter Serrada, and Alice VanDerwerken.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to warrant an article to utilize \$75,000 from the undesignated fund (surplus) to offset 2019 tax commitment.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Selectmen met jointly with the Budget Committee. Selectman LaBelle provided an overview of the Board's position regarding Dams funding to the committee. Representatives from the Dams Committee provided the Budget Committee with information to support their request. Discussions included town contributions and participating communities, as well as the need for increased regular maintenance and operation funding.

The Budget Committee requested that the Board of Selectmen consider warranting an article for \$4,000 for the regular maintenance and operations of the dams. There were only two members present; Selectman LaBelle was willing to entertain the request, but Selectman Charles stated he was opposed to any change. Being no motion and second; there were no adjustments to the standing warrant article for \$2,700.

Selectman LaBelle declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. LaBelle
First Selectman