

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 19, 2018
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle 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 LaBelle, Stratton, and Charles were present. A quorum was declared. Also present at all or parts of the meeting were Kimberly Brooks, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept minutes for March 12, 2018 selectmen's meeting as amended.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board discusses road maintenance concerns. It was noted that there were numerous complaints related to the storm on March 8-9. These were passed along to the contractor and resolved. There are questions about why the roads weren't properly maintained initially.

Treasurer Tammy Lyons presented the Board with her preliminary budget input for TRIO. She is requesting the Board's review before finalizing.

Treasurer Lyons also addressed the Board regarding the NSF notice received from Camden National Bank for the February school payment. She states that she made a mistake, but that the Town did not incur any additional fees. Selectman LaBelle states that when he received notice of the NSF in the mail that he messaged Treasurer Lyons about a bounced check and received a reply message stating that "it shouldn't of." That following Monday, Treasurer Lyons contacted the bank and told Selectman LaBelle, "I just talked to the bank check did not bounce." That morning, Treasurer Lyons transferred \$150,000 to cover the check.

Selectman LaBelle attempted to contact the bank and they would not speak with him regarding the accounts until authorization had been provided. Authorization was provided later in the day and information was provided. The bank manager stated that a check was written with insufficient funds in the account to cover the amount, but that the bank paid the check on the Town's behalf. Technically, the check didn't bounce; it was covered by the bank. Selectman LaBelle stated that he believed he did not receive direct answers from neither the bank nor the Treasurer. Selectman LaBelle states that the Board should have been notified immediately of the financial situation. The Treasurer received notice of the error on February 26 and did not present it to the Board until tonight, March 19. There have been two meetings since and this should have been properly disclosed to the Board.

Selectman LaBelle states his belief that the Town and its Municipal Officers should have a strong, trustworthy relationship with its bankers. He doesn't believe the Town currently has this, as demonstrated through recent events. Treasurer Lyons states her opposition to changing the Town's financial services provider.

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to contact TD Bank Vice President for Government Banking, to discuss the Town's finances and potential for establishing banking relationships with TD Bank.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Stratton	Motion to appoint Kimberly Brooks to a one year term as Assistant to the Selectmen. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/LaBelle	Motion to appoint Kimberly Brooks to a one year term as Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/LaBelle	Motion to appoint Andrew Marble to a one year term as Code Enforcement Officer. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Andrew Marble to a one year term as Plumbing Inspector. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Andrew Marble to a one year term as 911 Addressing Officer. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Ed Pearl, Jr. to a one year term as Emergency Management Director. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Stratton	Motion to appoint Gary Foss to a one year term as Fire Chief. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Ed Pearl, Jr. to a one year term as Assistant Fire Chief. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Stratton	Motion to appoint Gary Foss to a one year term as Rescue Chief. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Robert Crosby to a one year term as Animal Control Officer. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/LaBelle	Motion to appoint Mike Proctor to a one year term as Sexton. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/LaBelle	Motion to appoint Andrew Cook to a one year term as FirstPark/KRDA General Assembly member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/LaBelle	Motion to appoint Lois Stratton to a one year term as Kennebec Valley Council of Governments General Assembly member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Abby DiPietro to a one year term as Freedom of Access Officer. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Stratton	Motion to appoint Alan LaBelle to a three year term as Planning Board member. Stratton, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstains (2-0-1)
Stratton/LaBelle	Motion to appoint J. Jackson Schultz to a two year term as Planning Board member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Fred Gagnon to a one year term as Planning Board member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Daniel Robbins to a one year term as Planning Board alternate member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Lincoln Nye to a one year term as Planning Board alternate member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Peter Schultz to a three year term as Board of Appeals member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Charles/Stratton	Motion to appoint Alice VanDerwerken to a three year term as Board of Appeals member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Joan Orr to a one year term as Board of Appeals alternatemember. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint J. Jackson Schultz to a three year term as Dams Committee member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Timothy Comeford to a three year term as Dams Committee member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
Stratton/Charles	Motion to appoint Richard Greenan to a three year term as Dams Committee alternate member. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

- Charles/Stratton Motion to sign appointments papers for Sandra Phillips to a one year term as Budget Committee member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Hillary Schultz to a one year term as Budget Committee alternate member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Margaret Shannon to a one year term as Budget Committee alternate member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Pierrette Kelly to a three year term as Budget Committee member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Peter Serrada to a three year term as Budget Committee member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Alan LaBelle to a two year term as Recreation Committee member.
Stratton, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstains (2-0-1)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign appointment papers for Andrew Cook to a one year term as Recreation Committee member.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to sign property and casualty insurance renewal application for Maine Municipal Association.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board reviews items from Town Meeting that may require followup.

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Pearl, Jr. states that Fire Chief Gary Foss spoke with Dan McKenzie of Generators of Maine, who states that the current generator will not satisfy the needs of both buildings. According to Assistant Chief Pearl, Mr. McKenzie told Chief Foss that the current generator struggles to supply the existing building alone.

Selectman Stratton will contact resident Paul Anderson who may be willing to assess the generator's capacity. Selectman Charles will contact Scott Moores of Custom Electric to also assess the capacity. The Board agrees that it is important to determine the adequacy of the existing generator, as clearly requested by the townspeople at Town Meeting.

There is a need for new signage in order to be complaint with E-911 Addressing. Bess Taylor Trail and Wooster Hill Road signs need to be replaced. Selectman LaBelle will request an updated list from the State so that spelling and locations are accurate.

Charles/Stratton Motion to PSAP Call Handling Agreement between the Town of Rome and Somerset County Commissioners effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The rate of \$2.20 per capita (1,010) represents a 0% increase. LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle speaks with the Treasurer to update her regarding the outcome of the Board's decision to explore alternate partners for financial services. A list of potential dates for meeting with the TD Bank representative will be provided to the Treasurer in hopes that she will be willing and able to attend.

Selectman Charles notes that he will be absent from the May 20, 2018 meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen