

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 20, 2017
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 Charlie Baeder, Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Abby DiPietro, Carl Gartley, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Ed Pearl, Jr.

Charles/LaBelle Motion to accept minutes for March 6, 2017 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle Motion to accept the resignation of Kathleen Ross from the position of
Animal Control Officer.
LaBelle, Charles in favor; Stratton absent (2-0-1)

Selectman LaBelle stated that he had contacted Smithfield Animal Control Officer Robert Crosby to see if he would be interested in serving as Rome's Animal Control Officer. Mr. Crosby has accepted a willingness to accept the appointment, if that is the pleasure of the Board.

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Robert Crosby as Animal Control Officer.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Board reviews the list of individuals who were suggested at Town Meeting to serve on the recently authorized RSU 18 Exploratory Committee. Selectman LaBelle suggests the Board takes due diligence in selecting the committee. Selectman Charles believes that the Board should have more information about those interested in serving on the committee. Selectman Stratton believes a questionnaire should be issued to those who are interested in serving so that it can be determined whether or not individuals have any preexisting bias.

School Board Director Andrew Cook encourages the process of learning more about interested individuals. Dr. Cook reiterates the importance of the committee in determining what option will provide the best possible educational answer for Rome's children.

Stratton/Charles Motion to develop a questionnaire/application to send out to candidates
interested in joining the RSU Exploratory Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to approve the Payroll Approval Policy, authorizing one selectman to
release payroll.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to approve the Property Tax Payment Policy.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman LaBelle notes that at the Town Meeting, there were concerns expressed about the safety and deer/vehicle accidents at the intersection of Rome and Mercer Roads. He also received a

resident complaint regarding jake brakes and noise on Route 27. LaBelle has drafted a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation for consideration.

Selectman Charles expresses opposition to including the noise/jake brake request, due to the inability to enforce the request and the fact that the state route is a high traffic corridor. The jake brake concern was based on the distance from Rome Corner to the Belgrade town line.

Charles/Stratton Motion to send the letter to MDOT, striking two paragraphs related to jake brakes. The letter will be for the purpose of requesting the installation of deer crossing signs.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to approve and sign the agreement between the State of Maine Department of Public Safety and the Town of Rome for dispatching services from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in the total amount of \$5,551.12.
LaBelle, Stratton in favor; Charles opposed (2-1)

Treasurer Tammy Lyons noted that \$84.50 was raised at the Town Meeting through refreshment donations. \$42.25 will be deposited into each the Recreation Committee account and Scholarship account.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar is working with Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA), Pike Industries, and Rick Labbe Construction to plan for Watson Pond Road reconstruction. At present, there are an estimated six culverts that will require replacement. BRCA Executive Director Charlie Baeder will help to GPS the locations of these culverts while coordinating with Maine DEP. Baeder is estimating that BRCA will be able to contribute \$5,000-\$10,000 towards municipal roadwork this coming season.

Mr. Baeder also suggests roadwork on Dry Point Drive that will mitigate runoff into Great and Long Ponds. This project can be reduced in cost with the assistance of the BRCA Youth Conservation Corps. Baeder will continue to work with Bubar to plan projects.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept the resignation of Kimberly Brooks from the position of Registrar of Voters.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Charles Motion to appoint Fred Gagnon as Planning Board member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Andrew Marble as Health Officer for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Andrew Marble as 911 Addressing Officer for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Andrew Marble as Licensed Plumbing Inspector for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Andrew Marble as Code Enforcement Officer for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Gary Foss Fire Chief for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Ed Pearl, Jr. as Assistant Fire Chief for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Ed Pearl, Jr. as Director of Emergency Management for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Michael Proctor as Sexton for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Kimberly Brooks as Excise Tax Collector and BMV Agent for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Abby DiPietro as Registrar of Voters for a term ending December 31, 2018.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint William Kelleher as Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority member for a term of two years.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Peter Kallin as Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority member for a term of two years.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Edwin Charles as Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Andrew Cook as Recreation Committee member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Kimberly Brooks as Assistant to the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Robert Moreau, Sr. as Budget Committee member for a term of two years.
Stratton, Charles in favor; LaBelle abstains (2-0-1)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Alice VanDerwerken as Budget Committee member for a term of two years.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Sandra Phillips as Budget Committee member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Hillary Schultz as Budget Committee alternate member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Pierrette Kelly as Budget Committee alternate member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Charles Randall, Jr. as Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority alternate member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Charles Motion to appoint Joan Orr as Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority alternate member for a term of one year.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/LaBelle The meeting be adjourned.
LaBelle, Charles in favor; Stratton absent (2-0-1)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen