

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Kimberly Brooks, Carroll Bubar, Tammy Lyons, and Ed Pearl, Jr.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept minutes for October 30, 2017 selectmen's meeting
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Charles discusses road-related topics that should be addressed soon. There is still a need for tree removal on several roads that may impact winter snow removal. He also notes that the recent rain storms have caused shoulders to wash out; gravel needs to be added.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar states that the salt and sand shed door has been repaired.

The Board discusses the process of submitting Form 7, which declares damage within the Town, related to the October 30 wind/rain storm. Emergency Management Director Ed Pearl has not completed the form. The Board has worked with Road Commissioner Bubar to account for storm-related expenses. Director Pearl must review emergency services-related expenses, as well as any other cost. There is no action taken related to the Form 7 filing.

The Town Clerk received written notice from Maine Department of Transportation regarding a large rehabilitation project of Route 225 scheduled for Summer 2018. Once completed, the State will issue a five year moratorium for road openings. The notice will be on file with the Town Clerk.

As a part of expanded online services being made available to townspeople, specifically the ability to conduct full Inland Fisheries & Wildlife transactions (boats, ATVs, licensing, etc.), the Town must pay for an additional interface. The first-year charge for this interface and maintenance is \$347.04.

LaBelle/Charles Motion to pay \$347.04 from contingency to Harris Computers (TRIO) for
MOSES interface and maintenance support.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

An article was approved at the 2017 Town Meeting to fund \$1,000 for new clerk training. The Town Clerk has overdrawn that training account in the amount of \$166.98.

Stratton/Charles Motion to classify the overage of \$166.98 as a Town Clerk expense.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

- Stratton/Charles Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Rome Fire Department from Lana K. Ten Brink and Arvin R. Ten Brink.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Stratton/Charles Motion to authorize the Tax Collector to release the Town's interest in Real Estate Account 1145 back to the party from whom the property was taken, by way of quitclaim deed. The total amount due before December 31, 2017 is \$224.32.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)
- Charles/Stratton Motion to authorize the Tax Collector to release the Town's interest in Real Estate Account 225 back to the party from whom the property was taken, by way of quitclaim deed. The total amount due before December 31, 2017 is \$433.84.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

The Tax Collector and Treasurer will consult with the municipal attorney regarding tax-acquired property.

The Board will set a schedule for upcoming budget meetings at the November 27 meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly R. Brooks
Assistant to the Selectmen