

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 15, 2018
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 Carroll Bubar, Abby DiPietro, Janet DiPietro, Larry DiPietro, Sr., and Ed Pearl Jr.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

Stratton/Charles Motion to accept minutes for October 1, 2018 selectmen's meeting.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar was in attendance this evening, there was not a lot to report as we are headed into winter. Selectman Malcolm Charles called attention to the need for shoulder material in several spots throughout town, especially the Wooster Hill Road. Charles also inquired about paving a short section of road at the bottom of Wooster Hill.

The Board has received a letter from the Sherriff's department regarding a meeting on dispatch systems. The meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Augusta at the Sheriff's office.

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to schedule a public hearing and action on proposed resolution of the pending litigation matter of *Volodkevich v. Inhabitants of the Town of Rome*, Superior Court (Ken. Cty.), Docket No. AP-2015-54 for Monday, November 19, 2018.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Town Clerk Abby DiPietro spoke with the board this evening regarding and alternative to using the large safe in her office. No immediate plans were made, Ms. DiPietro will explore options and revisit the matter at a later date.

The recreation department has requested funds to cover the expenses associated with the community dinner scheduled for October 27 at the Rome Community Center.

Stratton/Charles Motion to allow up to \$300.00 to be spent for the community dinner.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept \$260.16 as donation for the Recreation Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons offered an update on her office. Discussed in previous meetings, is the need to open a deposit only account to avoid additional service fees with our current financial institution. Lyons has been keeping an eye on the amount of checks processed through the account and will decide from there if opening the deposit account before next tax season is necessary. Lyons also presented the Board with a list of 2016 foreclosed properties.

Stratton/Charles Motion to accept foreclosure file.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to approve purchase order for Tammy Lyons to purchase a new office desk and pay shipping up to \$350.00.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Local landowner and contractor Kevin Hawes has begun work in preparation of installing the new flag pole that Selectman Lois Stratton has been raising funds for. Hawes plans to trim the evergreen tree so that it will not encroach on the flag as it is flying, as well as taking down the damaged pole currently at the Community Center. All of the materials to complete the project have been purchased or donated and will be installed over the next couple weeks.

6:37 meeting in recess.

6:49 meeting called back to order.

Larry and Janet DiPietro were in attendance this evening to discuss their junk yard located on the Mercer Road. Code Enforcement officer Andrew Marble was able to visit the junkyard today before the meeting and doesn't see that much has changed there since he last inspected. Mr. DiPietro says he is working on cleaning out what he can but says that progress is slow due to equipment break downs. Marble asks the DiPietros if they have been keeping a log book of vehicles being hauled out. Janet DiPietro will bring the logs she has been keeping up for Marble to view. Marble states that all vehicles within the Mercer Road junkyard are shielded from view of the roadway. The Boards biggest question for Mr. Marble and whether he feels the junkyard is in compliance. Marble wants to make sure that this yard will continue to be used and not just left and forgotten. Marble asks the DiPietros how he could get them to keep better documentation of what is coming in and going out of their Mercer Road junkyard? Selectman LaBelle asks that they keep track of VIN numbers and receipts of vehicles sold out of this location; keeping these records will prove that the yard is a viable entity. Selectman Charles wonders if taking a complete inventory and keeping it current as a vehicle is sold, which will help them tell quickly what is gone and how many are left in the yard. Marble reiterates that a log book is key! Code enforcement officer Marble states that pending a log book the junkyard meets all other legal junkyard requirements.

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to waive public hearing for Larry and Janet DiPietro's Mercer Road junkyard location.
LaBelle, Stratton in favor, Charles opposed (2-1)

LaBelle/Stratton Motion to approve automobile junkyard application, contingent on maintenance of log books.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to table winter road maintenance contract discussion.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to adjourn.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro
Assistant to the Selectmen