

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 29, 2018
MINUTES**

Chairman Richard LaBelle called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 4:00 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 was Abby DiPietro.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

Pass over October 15, 2018 meeting minutes until next meeting.

Selectman LaBelle stated that he spoke briefly with Cecil Merry of Pavement Plus on Sunday due to the impending weather. Mr. Merry has yet to sign a contract for winter road maintenance and still had questions about the newly proposed contract. He has asked that the Town defer back to the previous year's contract for this season and renegotiate terms next year. The Board expresses hesitation; however agrees to the terms. The annual rate will be increased by 3% and the contract will be scheduled for renegotiation in Spring 2019.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept and approve contract for snow removal services with Pavement Plus.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer is not present; there is no report.

Tax Collector/Treasurer is not present; there is no report.

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Lincoln Nye to Fire/Rescue Merger Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Andrew Cook to Fire/Rescue Merger Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to appoint Ed Pearl Jr. to Fire/Rescue Merger Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Lois Stratton complimented the Rome Recreation Committee Community Dinner. Selectman Stratton said "it was an excellent dinner". Selectman LaBelle added that there was a good mix of people; Selectman LaBelle thought it was a success!

Stratton/Charles Motion to accept Andrew and Christine Cooks donation of \$330.66 for Recreation Committee to help expense of the community dinner, with a letter of thanks.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept a donation for the flagpole project from Karel Jacobs in the amount of \$250.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

Selectman Stratton notes that the flagpole revitalization project funding has been 100% privately funded.

A fuel contract has been signed with Fabian Oil for the 2018-2019 heating season. #2 heating oil @ \$2.5099/gallon, propane @ \$1.399/gallon

On November 29, 2018, there is an RSU 18 Governance Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm at the Messalonskee Middle School cafeteria.

The Town of Rome Board of Selectman is attending a meeting with Kennebec County Sheriff Ken Mason this evening in Augusta; this meeting is in regards to dispatch services.

Charles/Stratton Motion to accept a donation to Rome Fire Department from Michelle Witham for table rental in the amount of \$40.
LaBelle, Stratton, Charles in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro
Assistant to the Selectman