

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING APRIL 25, 2022, MINUTES

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00PM. Selectman Anderson, DiPietro Jr, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Trent Shute, Sandy Shute, Alice VanDerwerken, Joan Orr, Dr. Andrew Cook, Charlie Beadar, Perry Nye, Larry Garrison, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, and Carolyn Hurley.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment:

Dr. Cook distributed the current RSU18 Report to the Select Board as well as the Local Revenue FY23 Proposed Budget.

Dr. Cook also suggested a dedicated meeting with the Select Board (tentatively June 6, 2022) to discuss 1st Park.

Charlie Beadar spoke on applying for a Grant for Long Pond (road support) and will submit a "Letter of Support" to be reviewed and signed by the Select Board at their next meeting. (May 9, 2022)

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting was made by DiPietro, Jr. and seconded by Archer, approved by all 3-0.

New Business:

Alice VanDerwerken submitted a mission draft for Rome's Budget Committee. (draft attached) Discussion pursued and suggestions/amendments were made. Alice will advise back to the Board of Selectmen to finalize.

Perry Nye inquired about 8 Rome properties for potential sale.

Other:

Archer spoke on Solid Waste Management contract amendments.

A motion to allow Selectperson Archer to contact the surrounding towns Solid Waste Management contracts for verbiage pertaining to tipping fees. (Commercial/Residential) was made by Anderson and seconded by DiPietro, Jr., approved by all 3-0.

Select Board reviewed and discussed RJD Appraisal's 2025 Real Estate Proposal on Town Revaluation. The Board has questions and will research more on this topic. The Board will revisit this.

Road Commissioner Report Carroll Bubar via Selectman Anderson:

Drury Lane paving will begin tomorrow, Tuesday April 26, 2022.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

Marble discussed a cutting violation with regards to the illegal cutting of trees/vegetation. Anderson requested the Planning Board's recommendation on this violation. Marble will report back to the Select Board. Marble submitted a Shoreland Zoning Tree Removal Report regarding Jamaica Point Lodge property. (see attachment)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

Lyons spoke on abatements and will submit list of properties for a land sale at the next Select Board meeting.

Lyons submitted a quote of \$2045.00 plus an annual maintenance & support cost of \$309.35/year from Harris Local Government dated 4/20/22 to support the Trio. (Winsketch program) She will investigate further and advise the Select Board for consideration.

Lyons explained to the Select Board in regard to moving \$6845.00 from the Town Clerk's salary line to the BMV salary line. The position was occupied by the prior Town Clerk which reflects the timeline of January 1, 2022 through March 12, 2022. (Annual Town Meeting)

A motion to move \$6845.00 from the Town Clerk's salary line to the BMV salary line was made by Archer and seconded by DiPietro, Jr., approved by all 3-0.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Sandy Shute updated the Select Board regarding the Brousseau family properties. She has heard back from one of the parcel owners and they are willing to review a "Right of First Refusal" letter, which the Board will draft and advise Shute when this could be available.

Also, Sandy discussed with the Board about the vacant land abutting the Town Office Building that may be available for a future town purchase for a potential accessible walking trail for the community. Sandy will stay in contact with the Brousseau family and communicate a potential "Right of First Refusal" letter to the Town of Rome.

Other:

A motion was made by DiPietro, Jr. to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Anderson, approved by all 3-0

Respectfully yours,
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Next regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be held on

Monday, May 9, 2022