

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Date 8/16/2021

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectman Anderson, DiPietro and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Julie Morrison, Andy Marble, Carroll Bubar, Dr. Andrew Cook, Joan Orr, Carl Gartley, Larry Garrison, Shannon Holt, and Jason Wilder

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- Sandra Mitchell addressed the board concerning, her brother, Mike Burnham's property on Watson Pond Rd. She submitted a letter signed by Mike Burnham listing her as his representative. Mitchell explained that Burnham follows the State Regulations and inspections have been made by State agencies over the years and they have never had issues with his property. Mitchell wanted to know why other haulers in Rome are not being treated the same as her brother. Mitchell said her brother is not a business he is one that does many odd jobs. No trash is being sorted at the property and the suggestion was offensive and hurtful. Residents drop off bags of bottle and clothes. Anderson said that Burnham does services for the town and the Board must listen to the residents' complaints. A question about the Miscellaneous Nuisance Law was asked and Mitchell said she would read over it and may contact Andrew Marble CEO for further questions. Selectman Anderson suggested looking into a fence to shield the view of the property from the road.
- Anderson spoke about the contract renewal with Waste Management. The Board discussed the only other waste hauler contractors allowed to use the

commercial drop off are Gregory's and Lakeside Disposal and will be getting quote for a dumpster (lockable) to be located at the Town Office.

- Greg Hadden presented a detailed assessment of the Town Office floors. He is retired facility manager for a 6-building school district in Massachusetts. Which part of his responsibilities were to replace floors such as what we have here in our building? Hadden said he has seen much worse buildings and this one is worth fixing. Hadden provided the Board with a list of consultants and contractors in Maine and highly recommended one located in Hallowell. One possibility would be multiple coats of wax which would seal the tiles in, and a flooring could be installed above that.

A motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2021, meeting was made by Paul Anderson and seconded by Larry DiPietro approved 3-0

Road Commissioner Report Carroll Bubar:

- A couple of culverts are full of sand on the Mercer Rd. Bubar will check with Fire Department to see if they will help to clean them out.
- Signs should be put up soon

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

- Andrew Marble reported on violations on North Cove Drive.
- A pathway was made too wide,
- and a consent agreement was sent and signed.
- North Cove Drive violation is within a Deed Covenant. Marble will contact the town's attorney to see if the Town is required to enforce deed covenants.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Report:

- Discussion on contracting an engineer for building assessment was had and agreed upon. Last meetings information will be posted on the town's website

Town Clerk Report Julie Morrison:

- See attached Report

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons had bills and warrants to be signed by selectmen.
- Tammy Lyons referred to emails send to her concerning “hot spot “internet and wanted to board know that she forwarded the information to the Selectmen to be made aware of the meeting invite.

Unfinished Business:

- Board discussed last Waste Management contract. Anderson will call and try to keep it the same.
- Burnham will no longer be doing trash removal for the Town Office. Kelly will check into a small dumpster the is lockable for the Town Office.

Other:

- Anderson will write a letter to Burnham in response to Burnham’s letter to the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 PM by Kelly Archer, seconded by Paul Anderson approved 3-0

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Brickett
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**Next Regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be
Monday September 2, 2021
At 6:00 PM**