

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Date 8/30/2021 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectman Paul Anderson, Larry DiPietro Jr. and Kelly Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Julie Morrison, Andy Marble, Dr. Andrew Cook, Robert Belluche, Sandra Mitchell, Joan Orr, Josh Zukerman, Bob and Jan Volodkevich, Larry Garrison, Fred and Sandra Gagnon, Corinne Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. LeRieux.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Dr. Andrew Cook thanked Julie Morrison the Town Clerk for the loan of the sandwich boards for the BLA and will write letter to Maine State D.O.T. about drainage from Dry Point Lane. Tag Sale coming up soon.

New Business:

- The Volodkevich's property was hit hard by the microburst and 15 trees were lost. Hoping to stop any new complaints from the loss of those trees by reporting that they will be removed this winter once the ground is frozen. They have spoken with Andrew Marble, CEO, and he agrees it would be the best time to remove the trees without causing more damage.
- The Volodkevich's also questioned why they were not involved with the new road name since a sign has been put up.
- After discussion with Andrew Marble, E911 director, it was decided that a letter would be sent to both parties on that road. The letter will ask for both parties to submit suggestions for the name of the road and the Board of Selectmen will choose the appropriate name, at which point the name will be registered as a E911 address.

A motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021, meeting after the two changes are done, was made by Paul Anderson and seconded by Kelly Archer approved 3-0

Broadband Committee:

- Joan Orr reported that she has reached out to several towns to inquire about any interest in creating a MUD (Municipal Utility District). There are currently many opportunities for grants regarding to Broadband in underserved communities.
- Josh Zukerman is looking into a satellite option. There is still time to push for more input from our last internet survey.

Road Commissioner:

- Anderson reported that he and Bubar installed road signs last week.
- Josh Zukerman inquired about a dead-end sign for Foss Hill Lane. The sign has been received and will be installed as soon as possible.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

- Marble tried contacting the town's attorney, to see if the Town is required to enforce deed covenants, however she was on vacation

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons had bills and warrants to be signed by selectmen, which they were.

Unfinished Business:

- Sandra Mitchell asked the Select Board if a formal decision to stop covering tipping fees has been decided. Anderson replied that the tipping fee suspension has been put to the side. Mitchell had a few questions concerning the letter from CEO about the Misc. nuisance law. Mitchell explained that twice a year Mike Burnham does a spring and fall clean up and that she would be taking inventory of the items in the yard. Mitchell is also working on an official report from a pest control service.
- Mr. LeRioux, a neighbor of Mike Burnham, complained that Mike Burnham cleans up then it fills up again and that it is a continuing cycle. A large concern is about the bags that appear to be trash that are returnable bottles.
- Anderson reported that the Town received an estimate for repairs on the Salt and Sand Shed. It appears the repair cost will be around \$80,000.00.

Other:

- Barbara Brickett reported on the wifi print issue the office is experiencing after speaking to technical support. Josh Zukerman explained that all printers should be hard wired and a new internet cable would help with the speed of the deputy clerk pc.
The Selectboard approved the hard wiring of the deputy clerk computer and printers at the office.

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 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM**