



Office of the Selectmen

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
December 19, 2022 – MINUTES**

Paul Anderson, 1st Selectmen called meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:32PM. Selectmen, DiPietro and Archer were also present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Langdon Adams, Richard Beck, Sandy Shute, Laurie Dobson, Richard Hudson, Gary Foss, Carrol Bubar, Andrew Marble, Tammy Lyons, and Carolyn Hurley.

Pledge of Allegiance:

A motion was made by DiPietro to approve the minutes of the December 5th, 2022, meeting and seconded by Archer. Approved 3-0

Public Comment:

- Laurie Dobson asked how the Select Board felt about changing the existing one-year term of the Select Board to a three-year staggered term. The Select Board thought a three-year term may work for other elected positions such as the Town Clerk, Town Collector/Treasurer, and Road Commissioner. The Board will take this under consideration.

Department and Committee Reports:

Road Commissioner, Carroll Bubar:

Comprehensive Committee, Paul Anderson:

- The Final Preliminary Plan will be available on the Town's website as soon as the final go over has been complete.

CEO/Planning Board, Andy Marble:

- Marble reported the Planning Board has tabled the Marijuana store front application due to septic is not available at this time.
- Marble also noted to the Select Board that Warren Logging's Insurance Company had left him a message and Marble returned the call but had to leave a message.

Town Clerk, Barbara Brickett:

- The Absentee Ballot Applications are available. She has mailed out 2 so far.

Treasurer and Tax Collector, Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons reported , she received a \$200.00 donation for the "giving tree" from Christopher Raleigh.

A motion was made by DiPietro to accept the \$200.00 donation to be used to purchase gift cards from Hannaford. Seconded by Archer. Approved 3-0.

- Lyons also reported, she received a \$100.00 donation to the Belgrade/Rome Food Bank from David & Susan Cottrell.

A motion was made by DiPietro to accept the \$100.00 donation to be used to purchase gift cards from Hannaford. Seconded by Archer. Approved 3-0.

- Lyons noted in regard to a Supplemental Bill to landowner, that property has been taken out of Open Space. Lyons also said that two more deeds have been collected and processed.
- Lyons reported on information she received from ME List Service; if Maine State Archives "bound" commitment books are still required by State. It was confirmed that commitment books, formerly known as valuation books, no longer need to be "permanently bound" as stated in the previous language. Maine Revenue Services Bulletin 15 and Title 36.

Other:

- Sandy Shute informed the Select Board; the pavilion is up, and she is hoping they may secure a green metal roof otherwise it will be shingled.

- Gary Foss, Rome Fire Chief, spoke on fees related to the travel expenses to pick up the new tanker/pumper truck next year. The truck is located in Minnesota. An approximate cost of \$10,000.00 was mentioned. The Select Board with the Treasurer will review any unspent costs from the Fire Department to help cover this cost. Will need to create a new line item in 2023 to cover these costs. Foss also handed out the 2023 Fire Department Budget request and the Rescue Budget.
- The Select Board discussed sending a letter to TDS to cancel the “internet only” service.

A motion was made by Archer to send TDS a cancellation notice for the internet service only, seconded by DiPietro. Approved by all 3-0.

- DiPietro received an estimate of \$79,000.00 to pave Ladd Road. A speed bump estimate is \$1,800.00.

A motion was made by DiPietro to adjourn the Selectmen’s Meeting at 6:53 pm, seconded by Anderson, approved by all 3-0.

*Respectfully yours,
Carolyn Hurley
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Next regularly scheduled Select Board’s Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:00 PM