

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2021**

Via zoom and in-person

Chairman Monica McCarthy called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:03 PM. Selectman McCarthy, Stratton, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Andy Marble, Larry DiPietro, Jody Knight, Deborah Henry, Shaylie Morrison, Shayne Morrison, Julie Morrison, Tabby and Jason Loftstrom, Jacob Thomas and Lincoln Nye

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Discussion that the State of Emergency declared by the Gov. includes Dog Licenses. There will be no late fees incurred until 30 days after the state of emergency is lifted.
- Jacob Thomas asked about still having an in town Rabie Clinic that the town clerk (Julie Morrison) and deputy clerk (Barbara Brickett) were already trying to set up residents. Deborah Henry agreed it would be beneficial to town residents.

**A motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021 meeting was made by
Stratton and seconded by Archer approved by all 3-0**

CEO Report Andrew Marble

- Updated the Select Board on upcoming ordinances and amendments to be brought before the Town.

Road Commissioner Report

- Archer relayed a report from Carroll Bubar. The quote for the 2021 paving project saw an increase of \$10,500 since the month of December.

Importance of locking in a quote (with the understanding that the work depends on the residents of Rome passing the road article in March) was discussed.

- A correction for warrant numbers needs to be done.

Town Clerk Report Julie Morrison:

- N/A

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons has a question into MMA concerning the wording of the Fire Truck Article and how to handle it if the Fire Dept is awarded a grant.
- It is time to re up a policy on signatures for payroll.

Other:

- Discussion concerning last year's Article 62 and where monies would be received from any sale of a retired fire/rescue truck. All agreed that monies should go back to the Fire/Rescue account
- Snow Pond Tech. is ready to install video conferencing equipment and schedule training in its use.
- Discussed how the Town could support the Connect ME committee with plans to bring Broadband coverage to our area. A \$2500.00 grant has been received.
- Tabby Lofstrom requests that the board of selectmen to back Morrison and wait until next year to implement any changes that directly impacts Morrison's job. She feels it is the best for the Town.
- Deb Henry suggested that Morrison would be an incredibly good resource for the development of job descriptions going forward.
- McCarthy reported that no action is needed for Morrison to return as Town Clerk to finish the term.

A motion was made by McCarthy to enter Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) to discuss personal matters and seconded by Archer approved by all 3-0 (6:50pm)

A motion was made by Archer to exit the executive session M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) 7:23pm and return to normal board meeting and 2nd by McCarthy approved by all (3-0)

A motion was made by McCarthy to adjourn meeting at 7:24PM and seconded by Archer approved by all (3-0)

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Brickett

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Next Regular scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be

Tuesday February 16, 2020