**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**February 17th, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

Chairman Monica McCarthy called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at PM. Selectman Monica McCarthy, Lois Stratton, and Kelly Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Dr. Andrew Cook, Joan Orr and Larry DiPietro Jr.

**Meeting was held on Wednesday**

**due to Monday being a holiday and Tuesday’s storm.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

* N/A

**A motion to direct legal fees to the legal reserve was made by McCarthy and seconded by Stratton all approved (3-0)**

**A motion was made by McCarthy to move Agenda Policy to next meeting and seconded by Stratton approved by all (3-0)**

**A motion to approve the minutes of February 1st, 2021 meeting was made by McCarthy and seconded by Archer approved by all 3-0**

**Road Commissioner Report Carroll Bubar**

* There were a few complaints received concerning the roads. Ladd Rd., Nickerson Lane, and Crystal Springs Lane had not been plowed this last storm. Bubar contacted Cecil Merry and asked what had happened. The crew had taken a break to get some rest and he said the roads would be taken care of.

**Code Enforcement Report Andrew Marble**

* Marble reported there will be a Public Hearing next Monday February 22nd, 2021 at 6pm to cover the new ordinances and two amendments to existing ordinances.
* The proposed ordinances and amendments are concerning the following:

1. Adult-Use Marijuana
2. Food Sovereignty
3. Minimum Lot-size amendment
4. Commercial Development Review amendment

**Broadband Committee Update:**

* Joan Orr reported on the Broadband Committee
* They wish to have surveys on internet speeds and other challenges that may face the town residents.
* ConnectME has given the committee a grant and a portion for administrative assistance is to be given to the town to help with that cost.
* Joshua Zukerman volunteered to be the IT consultant. The announcement and membership will be posted on the town’s website.

**Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:**

* Lyons brought bills and warrants to be sign.
* The Board of Selectmen signed to renew the policy on signing for payroll.
* Request to review a new policy on reimbursing the Treasurer for travel pay (the current bank used requires a much longer driving distance).

**A motion to accept the donation from John & Lori Campbell of $50 to be divided between the Fire Dept. and EMS was made by Archer and seconded by Stratton and approved by all. (3-0)**

**Other:**

* The Board spoke with Bubar concerning the snow removal at the Town Office and Fire Department. The Board asked about why the snowblower that was purchased was not being used. Bubar explained that when the snow packs as hard as it has these last few storms that the snowblower is not capable of handling the snow. Bubar has been using his own plow truck to clear the snow with the help of another person. The Board said that moving forward the snow removal charges must stay below $50 per hour
* McCarthy started a discussion for the need of persons who are in appointed positions (CEO, Motor Vehicle Clerk, and Assistance to the Selectmen) should complete a self-evaluation.

**McCarthy made a motion for appointed positions to complete a self-evaluation and have them return it by February 24th, 2021 and seconded by Stratton and approved by all (3-0)**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 PM by McCarthy and seconded by Stratton and approved by all (3-0)**

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Brickett

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**Next Regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be**

**Monday March 1st, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**

**A motion to approve the minutes of February 17th, 2021 meeting was made by Stratton with amendments and seconded by McCarthy approved by all 3-0**

Amendments were on the Agenda Policy, about the day and time for process to be approved and posted, along with 2 out of the 3 Select Board members (not just the 1st selectman) to make decisions about any emergency agenda items that may need to be added. A final copy of this policy will be available for the next selectmen’s meeting.