

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 5, 2022, MINUTES**

Paul Anderson, #1 Selectmen called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectmen Anderson, DiPietro Jr, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Marge Schmidt, Mary Roestel, Tal Franklin, Dr. Andrew Cook, Richard Murray, Laura Rose-Day, Karen Norman, Charlie Baeder, Richard Beck, Alice VanDerwerken, Gary Foss, Tammy Lyons, and Carolyn Hurley.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment:

- Dr. Cook distributed the Messalonskee High Senior Statistics to the Select Board. He made mentioned of the School District Change. Dr. Cook asked about the 1st Park Withdrawal Letter status. The Select Board is working with Town Council to expedite.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, meeting was made by DiPietro and seconded by Archer, approved by all 3-0.

Other Items:

- a) Animal Control Officer Vacancy was discussed. DiPietro reach out to Dexter (Buzz) Bridges and Buzz is willing to fill in as the Rome ACO. The Select Board will draw up a contract to be approved at the next meeting.
- b) Archer to speak with Fire Department to gather information about who they use to clean the office.

Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Marble:

- **Marble updated the Select Board. The Board of Appeals overturned the Planning Board's decision regarding the timber harvesting violation.**
- **Mr. Franklin was in attendance and presented the Select Board a "Settlement Purposes & Inadmissible in Any Court or Other Proceeding" document for their review.**

Mr. Franklin has reached out to Todd Murphy, Trees to Please for expert recommendations to plant the correct trees and foliage to replace what was cut.

- **Charlie Baeder recommends monitoring over the next few years for growth and any erosion.**
- **Richard Murray addressed erosion concerns and spoke on the machine's ruts that still exists. His property slopes down on his side.**
- **Richard Beck stated someone should have known of the State and Town's Ordinances.**
- **Marble and Anderson agree the contractor should also be held responsible and should be fined.**
- **Anderson requested a Corrective Plan be submitted by Mr. Franklin as soon as possible.**

Anderson asked about the timber sales to Hammond Lumber. A forester may be required to determine an estimated board feet of timber that was cut.

- **7 Lakes Alliance was in attendance to express their concerns.**
- **Several neighbors were also in attendance.**

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report, Tammy Lyons:

Lyons reported to the Select Board Members that the Watson Pond Road property is now paid off and is no longer in foreclosure status.

Lyons and Julie Morrison are analyzing payments from the Cinderella Cleaning Services. They will update the Select Board when additional information is gathered.

A motion was made by DiPietro to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:38 pm, seconded by Archer approved by all 3-0

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

Monday, July 18, 2022