

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MAY 23, 2022, MINUTES**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Paul Anderson called the Select Board Meeting to order at 6:03Pm.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the pervious meeting by Larry DiPietro and seconded by Kelly Archer. Approved 2-0 Anderson abstained from voting

New Business—None

Comprehensive Planning Committee Report-

The Committee met two weeks ago Wednesday. There will be a public hearing on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Saturday from 10AM to 1 PM to review materials covered and allow the public to comment. Next Comprehensive Planning meeting will be Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

***A motion to expend funds, if necessary, for an estimate for the Community Center's septic system, electrical service for additional circuits, code check and heating system life expectancy for heat pump installation was by Anderson seconded by DiPietro all approved 3-0.***

Code Enforcement Officer Report-

CEO Andrew Marble reported on a cutting violation on Jamacia Point, Map 24, Lot 33. A large number of trees were cut, above the 40% allowed, during a commercial timber harvest. The cleared openings are over 10,000 square feet, the 40% can be exceeded with a Forrester's letter or plan. The Planning Board's most recent meeting authorized an after-the-fact permit for the cutting. Marble explained that the property abutters may appeal the Planning Board's decision within the next 30 days. The property owner was present and explained that the Forrester John Doty's opinion was that the openings had to be that large due to the presence of so many hazardous trees. Also present were the men hired to harvest the property, Jason and John Warren, who spoke about all the hazardous trees, many of which were along the roadway.

CEO Marble suggests that the town waits the 30 days to see if any abutters decide to appeal the Planning Board's decision and revisit this issue at the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Select Board meeting.

CEO Marble also reported on the Hathaway Lane violation, asking the Select Board what their recommendation for a fine should be. The owner of the property is asking for a reduction in the proposed fine. Marble reported that a table and chairs and a metal fireplace must be relocated.

***A motion of a \$500 fine for the Hathaway Lane violation was made by Anderson and seconded by DiPietro all approved 3-0***

Treasurer and Tax Collector Report—

Tammy Lyons reported that she picked up the 1862 headstone and contacted the town's sexton, Mike Proctor, asking that the Morning Sentinel would like to know when the stone has been reattached.

Lyons has decided to outsource the printing and mailing of the Town's tax bills at a small increase in cost. The date is set to meet with our assessor and commit the taxes for this year on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8AM. The Select Board will look further into having a reevaluation.

Possible date for a land sale would be August 15<sup>th</sup>, this would be advertised starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Town Clerk Report—

Absentee ballots are going out for the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, vote.

Sandy Shute reported for the Recreation Committee that the town was not chosen for the grant that was recently submitted. On the subject of grants, Lyons reported that it was suggested when applying for the generator grant that the town should go one size up then the current system.

***A motion to adjourn at 8:04PM by DiPietro and seconded by Archer all approved 3-0***

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Archer

3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman