TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2021

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectman Anderson, DiPietro Jr, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Carroll Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Julie Morrison, Andy Marble, Dr. Andrew Cook, Craig LaRou, Larry Garrison, and Monica McCarthy

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Dr. Andrew Cook reported on RSU #18. The focus is on safety and academics, a much larger participation has begun regarding advance placement statistics and calculus. A handout was presented to the select board.
- Mr. LaRou asked about the property on 855 Watson Pond Road. Selectman Anderson said that CEO Marble will answer that question in his report.

New Business:

- Selectman DiPietro Jr. recused himself from the discussion of the junkyard renewal on 286 Mercer Rd. CEO Marble reports on his inspection, 110 vehicles have been removed in the last year. The condition that no vehicles were to be added was kept, everything was in order.

A motion was made to renew the junkyard license at 286 Mercer Rd. keeping the condition, that no other vehicles will be added, by Paul Anderson and seconded by Kelly Archer and approved 2-0-1 (abstained)

A motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2021, meeting was made by Larry DiPietro Jr. and seconded by Kelly Archer and approved 3-0

Comprehensive Planning Committee update Paul Anderson:

- Anderson reported the next meeting will be this Wednesday November 11, 2021, at 6pm. They will be reviewing the report from the engineer that inspected the community center building. A consultant has been contacted regarding the flooring.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

- Marble reported that a letter has been sent to Mike Burnham of 855 Watson Pond Rd and that it is part of public record. The letter explains that in the future should the property fall back into its previous state that only one letter of violation will be sent with a reasonable timeframe to clean up, and should the cleanup not be completed within the timeframe the Town would then consider going straight to court. This shortens the process.

- Marble also mentioned that a notice of violation was sent to East Shore Cottages, where Cabin Masters are filming their show, the microburst destroyed a cabin, and it is being replaced. Part of the violation was that a roadway was built without a permit or an erosion control fence. The DEP certification and permit are still pending.

Town Clerk Julie Morrison:
- Morrison reported we had a good turnout 451 voters, 92 absentee voters and 359 in person voters. The results are posted on the town website.

- Morrison reported that the November election went very smoothly and the tabulation machine for counting votes worked great, she reported the results to the papers by 9:30 pm on Election Day, the polling area was cleaned up and she was out of the office by 10:00 pm. She has submitted all required election paperwork to the secretary of State as of this date.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:
- Lyons reported that under the selectmen's expenses one item should be considered for transfer to contingency.

A motion to move $153.94 from the selectmen's expenses to contingency was made by Paul Anderson seconded by Kelly Archer and approved 3-0

Other:
- Selectman Archer updated information on the Rabies Clinic that it will be cash only for the vaccination. Rome residents will still be able to use check, card, or cash for licensing their dogs.

- Selectman Anderson reported that the town has received its first installment of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. $53,000 has been deposited.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 PM by Larry DiPietro Jr. and seconded by Kelly Archer and approved 3-0

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Brickett

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Next Regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be

Monday November 22, 2020

6:00 PM