

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2022 – MINUTES**

Paul Anderson, 1st Selectmen called meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:09 PM. Selectmen, DiPietro Jr, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Dick Greenan, Dr. Andrew Cook, Richard Beck, Tammy Lyons, Andy Marble, Barbara Brickett and Carolyn Hurley.

Pledge of Allegiance:

A motion was made by DiPietro to approve the minutes of the September 26th, 2022, meeting and seconded by Archer, approved 3-0.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Cook spoke about Key Points regarding RSU 18 update. He also handed the Select Board hard copies.
- SRO & School Safety Update 2022
- Cost Sharing input – Rome pays far more per student than surrounding communities
- COVID funds – the RSU was granted \$11,967,309 in COVID funds
- RSU18-October 2022 “What We’re Proud Of” hand out.

New Business:

- a) MDOT – Narrows West Bridge Replacement Project Agreement Approval (Castle Island Road, Rome & Belgrade)
 - 1st Selectmen, Anderson will sign this agreement.

Department and Committee Reports:

Road Commissioner, Carroll Bubar:

- Sand and Salt have been delivered per Anderson

CEO/Planning Board, Andy Marble:

- Marble presented the Select Board the DiPietro Junkyard Application (286 Mercer Road) along with his site visit findings for approval. Per Marble's findings a small amount of junkyard is visible from Mercer Road, the remainder is completely screened. Multiple vehicles were checked, and no fluids found in any of them. No waterbodies on site. Based on the inventory log, numerous items are either being sold or will take to a scrap yard for recycling.

A motion was made by Anderson to approve the DiPietro Junkyard Application with the condition that no new vehicles are to be added. Seconded by Archer, approved 2-0. DiPietro abstained from voting.

Town Clerk, Barbara Brickett

- Brickett confirmed the November 8th, 2022, Ballots have been received. She and Julie Morrison have issued 165 absentee ballots and 70 absentee ballots have been returned as of today.
- Brickett also thanked Morrison for all her help and guidance.
- She also secured all Election workers and she and Morrison will test the tabulation machine by October 28, 2022.
- She also reported that on October 17th she, along with 3 other towns, hosted a voter registration drive for 16, 17, & 18-year-olds at Messalonskee High School. Sadly, no students pre-registered.
- Brickett asked about being paid for BMV coverage. Selectman Anderson agreed, she should be paid \$20.00 per hour when covering for BMV agent.

Treasurer and Tax Collector, Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons is working on Keep ME Healthy Grant audit.
- Lyons also mentioned that Tabitha and Jason Lofstrom rented the Community Center Hall and did a great job cleaning up and organizing the excess bins and storage shelves.

A motion was made by DiPietro to re-fund the Lofstrom's \$100.00 rental fee due to the amazing help, clean up that was done, seconded by Archer. Approved 3-0.

Other:

- The Select Board agreed to send a Violation Fee of \$10,000.00 to Warren Logging in regard to the Timber Cutting Violation on Jamaica Point.
- Beck asked if a violation will be issued to the owner, Franklin?
- The Select Board answered, this is not a closed issue and is ongoing.

A motion was made by Anderson to issue a \$10,000.00 Violation Fee to Warren Logging related to the Timber Cutting Violation on Jamaica Pt., seconded by DiPietro. Approved by all 3-0.

- DiPietro spoke on the stump grinding for the tree that was removed in front of Community Center. He spoke with Steve Zambeli, who quoted \$200.00 for this work.

A motion was made by DiPietro to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by Archer, approved by all 3-0.

Respectfully yours,

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Next regularly scheduled Select Board's Meeting will be held on

Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 6:00 PM