

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 25, 2021

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectman Anderson, DiPietro and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Andy Marble, Dr. Andrew Cook, Monica McCarthy, Lynn Mattson, Alice Vanderwerken, Dick Greenan, Mr. and Mrs. LaRou

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Some discussion on the administrative assistant position progress and how current assistant is being funded.

New Business:

- Dr. Andrew Cook gave an in-depth presentation on water quality of our lakes and the importance of it for our town. Within the slide presentation there were suggestions of actions that could be considered. A copy of the presentation can be made available upon request.
- Discussion on the photo contest for the cover photo to be on the next annual town report. The Select board is asking residents to submit photos of our Town such as animals, birds, and scenery. The photos should have a brief description and be emailed to the select board Assistant or dropped off at the town office by December 31, 2021. The photos will be viewed, anonymously, and one will be chosen for the cover.
- Archer mention that the Rec. Committee was having a Trunk or Treat at the Town Office on Sunday Oct. 31, 2021.
- Archer reported that there will be a Rabies Clinic at the Community Center on December 4th (Saturday) 10am-12. Each shot will be \$20 for dogs and cats and our Town Clerk will attend to assist residents with licensing.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 12,2021 meeting was made by Larry DiPietro Jr. and seconded by Kelly Archer and approved 3-0

Broadband Committee Report: Kelly Archer

- Archer reported that through the ConnectME the Town has renewed a contract with Vetro for the next year at no cost.

Road Commissioner Report: Carroll Bubar

- Work was done on Wooster Hill Road. Foss Hill Lane, Oak Ridge, and Ladd Rd. were all graded.
- The shoulders of Wooster Hill Rd. will be done 3-4 days after rain stops.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

- Marble reported on several inspections. Concerning the 855 Watson Pond property he will be issuing a letter, which the town attorney is currently looking over. Mrs. LaRou stressed her concern over the property and its history.

Town Clerk Report Julie Morrison:

- 71 Absentee ballots were requested

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons had bills and warrants to be signed by selectmen.
- The Town has received a check for the sale of the Fire/ Rescue vehicle. Lyons inquired about the documents and keys to assist with the sale.
- Lyons requested a letter stating that Patriot Waste Disposal has been contracted for trash removal at the office.

Unfinished Business:

- Anderson reported on the quote for the coats of wax for the floors in the building. The one quote came in at \$8000, at least \$1200 were materials needed. Board recommended looking further into our options.
- Discussion on approving a Zoom or Hybrid Meeting Policy was tabled to next meeting.

Other:

- Archer reported on the Risk Reduction Grant that she submitted in September. The Town was granted up to \$3000.00 for purchase and installation of back-up cameras for four Fire/Rescue vehicles. Auto Sound, out of Westbrook, sent 2 technicians to install all 4 cameras and displays last Thursday. Deputy Chief Ed Pearl Jr reported that they were pleased with the results.
- Alice Vanderwerken asked about game day and the Food Cupboard and how to donate, also suggested a newsletter, or using the direct door to door mailings to let the town residents who do not have Internet, know about these events. Due to the cost of the mailings, it would be best to combine events to inform the residents.
- A copy of an unsigned draft copy of the job description was handed to Monica McCarthy at the end of the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:26 PM by Kelly Archer, seconded by Paul Anderson and approved 3-0

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Brickett
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**Next Regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be
Monday November 8, 2021
At 6:00 PM**

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