

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 - MINUTES**

Paul Anderson, 1st Selectmen called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectmen, DiPietro Jr, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Marge Schmidt, Mary Roestel, Andrew Cook, Alice VanDerwerken, Charlie Baeder, Sandy Shute, Kevin Hawes, Wayne Pickett, Evelyn Fowler, Meg Lane, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble. (Carolyn Hurley, Administrative Assistant, was absent)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Tabled approval of September 12th minutes – will be added to the Selectmen's Agenda scheduled for October 10th.

Public Comment:

- Cook thanked the Board for sending the withdrawal letter to First Park and he thanked Paul Anderson for attending the General Assembly. He also thanked the Town for the Pickle Ball Court.
- Cook recommends having 7 Lakes Alliance make a presentation to report on the watershed plan with a breakdown of how funds are being used, so we can prepare for budget workshops.
- The Select Board will have a Special Executive Meeting to include Dr. Cook in regard to First Park on Tuesday, October 4 at 5:00pm.
- Sandy Shute is waiting on quotes for the pavilion and has volunteers already on board to help. Shute asked the Select Board to contact Carl Gartley, Superintendent RUS#18 to discuss how funds will be handled.

Comprehensive Planning Committee, Paul Anderson:

- Anderson reported the CPC will meet this Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Marble:

- Marble reported that he is waiting on Town Attorney to get back to him on Draft Agreement with Tal Franklin. American Forrest Management was hired by the Town to evaluate the amount of timber harvested, market value and approximate percent of trees removed in the shoreland zone. Marble received the final report and submitted it to the Select Board. (See attached) For now this violation is on hold until legal advice has been obtained.
- Marble reported on Watson Pond Violation, South Waterside Estates, Deb Pruett for non-permitted work. A notice of violation will be sent to include \$1000.00 fine.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report, Tammy Lyons:

- Lyons said the Fire Department would like to go in with the Town on a dumpster. Archer will contact Adam Clement or Gary Foss for details.
- Lyons discussed the Land Sale advertisement, and we need to set new dates once information has been confirmed.

Other:

- a) Archer spoke about the Good Sheppard Food Bank Grant. The Town is to receive \$14,707 grant for improving our current food cupboard and for events such as blood pressure screening clinic, assisting Rome Recreation Committee with winter gear for those in need. The Town thanked Evelyn Fowler who brought the grant to our attention and drafted the grant application with the assistance from Kelly Archer. Fowler is also working with Neighbors Driving Neighbors to assist residents with access to the

Food Cupboard. The Food Cupboard is on the fourth Wednesday of every month 1-3pm.

- b) The Town will contact Efficiency Maine to set up an appointment for an inspection of the office building (possible heat pump, lights, etc....)**
- c) Archer will contact ICON to confirm removal of the dumpster.**

A motion was made by Anderson to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:09 pm, seconded by DiPietro, approved by all 3-0.

***Respectfully yours,
Kelly Archer, 3rd Selectmen/ch
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Next regularly scheduled Select Board's Meeting will be held on

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM