

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM. Selectman Anderson, DiPietro Jr (via zoom), and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were, Tammy Lyons, Andy Marble, Carroll Bubar, and Mr. and Mrs LaRou, Larry Garrison, Steve and Monica McCarthy, Deddra Boylan, Corinne Hadden, Dr Andrew Cook, Jason Wilde, Richard Labelle, and Dwight Allison

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

- Dr Cook would like to be added to the agenda for our Oct 25th select board meeting to discuss water quality.
- Several concerns/complaints were brought up concerning the naming of a road. Steven McCarthy stated that the name of road has been registered as a E911 address, this information does not match what the Board has and will be verified with CEO Marble. Due to the length of discussion and the other items left to discuss the Board decided to move the subject to the next select board meeting on Tuesday Oct 12th, 2021.
- Select person DiPietro attended the meeting via Zoom. However due to a recent ruling requiring a policy to be in place for any voting board or committee member. DiPietro was unable to cast an official vote during this meeting via Zoom. A policy will be drafted as soon as possible and will be posted on the Town's web site and on building bulletin board.

A motion to approve the minutes of September meeting was made by Archer and seconded by Anderson and approved 2-0

New Buisness:

- Dwight Allison requested to speak with the Select Board concerning an abatement request. Mr. Allison owns approx.. 700 acres on Black Horse Acres and questions the amount that he has been billed on 2 separate parcels. Allison stated that the land is valued approx.. \$135,000 more then what he has paid. Anderson said that the Select Board would speak with our Appraiser Matt Caldwell concerning his request.
- Caldwell will be in the office on Oct 12th the day of our next meeting and suggested that Mr. Allison be put on the following agenda for Oct. 25th.

Road Commissioner Report Carroll Bubar:

- Paul Anderson reported for Bubar that the sand and salt is due to be put up this coming week. Edge work to be completed on this year's road project should begin the beginning of next week.

Comprehensive Planning Committee Paul Anderson:

- An engineer came to evaluate the Town buildings last Wednesday and a report will be forthcoming.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Marble:

- Andrew Marble reported to the Select Board that in regard to the deed covenant on North Cove Drive, that our town attorney stated that no Town intervenes with enforcement of deed covenants.
- Marble gave an update concerning the notice of violation at 855 Watson Pond Rd. On August 4th the first letter of violation was sent for the property

to be cleaned up. On September 1st Marble inspected property via the road and consequently sent a seconded notice of violation on September 8th. Marble inspected the property via the road on September 22nd and viewed that most of the site has been cleared. Concern that the clean up is only temporary Marble would like to consult the attorney on a possible consent agreement about maintaining the site.

- Mr LaRou , neighboring the property in question, wants the select board to make the property owner continue to clean up the site.

A motion was made by Anderson for the Town to have no involvement with the deed covenant as recommended and was seconded by Archer and approved 2-0

Tax Collector and Treasurer Report Tammy Lyons:

- Mary Lou Butterfield is retiring from the Belgrade/Rome food pantry about many years. There is a plaque to be signed at the Belgrade Town office and a celebration will be held on Sunday October 3rd.
- Lyons had a supplemental tax bill that needed to be signed for Rocky Shore LLC.
- Bills and Payroll were signed

Motion to send supplemental 2019-2021 property tax bill to Rocky Shore LLC for \$28,800 was made by Anderson and seconded by Archer and approved 2-0

Other:

- Update of rescue truck sale: A company from PA SIV ambulances had the winning bid of \$4750.00.
- Anderson commented on the Waste Management contract with the Town. A motion was made to accept the 5yr contract however after discussion no vote was taken at this time. During the discussion it was brought up that the Select Board members terms expire every year and that the board

should not enter into an agreement that goes beyond that (even if that has been historically how it is done). Anderson will investigate the issue and report back.

- Update on Senior social game day. Corinne Hadden is hoping for more participation on this Wednesday event.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 PM by Anderson and seconded by Archer and approved 2-0

Next Regularly scheduled Selectmen Meeting will be

Monday October 12, 2021 @ 6PM