

**TOWN WARRANT  
MARCH 11-12, 2022**

*To: Residents of the Town of Rome*

*Greetings:*

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to assemble at the Rome Community Center, in said Town on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect town officers and officials for the ensuing year, and act upon Articles 2 through 3 Polls are to be opened from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the meeting will be recessed; the recessed meeting will be reconvened at the Belgrade Central School at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022, then and there to act upon the remaining articles in the warrant.*

**Article 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Rich Ruhlin elected as Moderator*

**Article 2.** To proceed with voting by Australian ballot system to elect First Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Second Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Third Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Town Clerk for a term of one year; Tax Collector for a term of one year; Treasurer for a term of one year; and Road Commissioner for a term of one year.

*Anderson, Paul 138, Dipietro Jr. Larry 139, Archer, Kelly 139  
Lyons, Tammy 165, Lyons, Tammy 164, Brickett, Barbara 150  
Bubar, Carroll 62*

**Article 3.** To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:  
Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?

*Question 1 Yes 139 No 32*

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will allow non-residents who have information pertaining to Article \*6 5 through Article 69 and to speak when recognized.

*Passed with amendment (\*Art. 6 to Art. 5)*

**Article 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" be amended as shown on the handout entitled "Handout #1, Rome Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Amendment"?

*Passed*

**Article 6.** Shall an ordinance entitled "Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities" be adopted, as shown on the handout entitled "Handout #2, Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities"?

*Passed*

**Article 7.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Subdivision Ordinance” be amended as follows?  
Section 1. J.

Application Fee:

All applications for subdivision approval shall be accompanied by ~~the following~~ a non-refundable fee made payable to the Town of Rome. Fees shall be set, and may be amended, by the Rome Board of Selectmen. ~~The fee for filing a preliminary plan shall be \$100 plus \$50 per lot and/or unit. (The fee for filing a minor subdivision that is permitted to file a final plan shall be the same as a preliminary plan)~~

*Passed*

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an amount not to exceed three-twelfths (3/12) of the annual budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2022 annual budget to support expenditures during the period of January 1, 2023 until the date of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for General Assistance. Spent \$ 305.27

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,500 for the maintenance and operation of the Rome Community Center. Spent \$24,805.17

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Community Center Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$50,323.92*

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 5-0

*Passed as amended \$5,000.00*

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for the care and maintenance of Rome cemeteries. Spent \$13,550.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the repair of Town-maintained roads and bridges. Spent \$21,576.90.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Drury Lane and to appropriate monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) to help fund this project.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for roadside mowing and the cutting of brush along Town-maintained roads. Spent \$6,525.00.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$96,600 for the snow plowing and sanding of Town-maintained roads. Spent \$95,000.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purchase and stockpiling of salt and sand. Spent \$27,627.17  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$32,500 5-0  
*Passed as amended \$32,500*
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for maintenance of the Town's salt and sand shed. Any unspent balance in the Town salt and sand shed maintenance budget at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the Salt and Sand Shed Maintenance Reserve Account (Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$628.80) Spent \$871.20  
Board of Selectmen recommends approves 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$1,500 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the payment of street lighting, to include the lighting at the salt and sand shed on Hillside Lane. Spent \$2,391.39  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*PASSED*
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,177 for Property, Casualty, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment insurance premiums. Spent \$18,761.30.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for Notary Fees. Spent \$500.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0  
*Defeated*

- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the required auditing of Town books and records. Spent \$4,850.00.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,750 for Assessing Services. Spent \$24,999.96.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,150 to fund the Town's solid waste disposal contract with Waste Management/Crossroads in Norridgewock. Spent \$58,395.17.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,586 to fund the Town's contract with Somerset Humane Society. Spent \$1,586.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for membership in Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Spent \$3,479.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to fund year two of a two-year process for development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town through our contract with KVCOG. Spent \$4,398.26  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,063 for membership in Maine Municipal Association (MMA). Spent \$2,984.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,542 for TRIO software licensing, registrations, and technical support. Spent \$11,887.66  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*

- Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,765 for the replacement and installation of one computer. Spent \$3,765.00  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1  
*Passed*
- Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,600 for the contract governing the regular operation and maintenance of the three Belgrade Region Dams. Spent \$4,600  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,555 for capital projects to include repairs to the Wings Mills Dam driveway. Spent \$5,075.00.  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,743 for the printing of the annual town report. Spent \$1,628  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed as amended \$1,600*
- Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Legal Expense Account and for any unspent balance at the end of the fiscal year to be transferred to the Legal Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$20,049.79*  
 Spent \$0  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward \$6,852.50 as needed for legal expenses to enforce the withdrawal from the Kennebec Regional Development Authority. Spent \$647.50  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$154,225 for municipal officers' and officials' salaries. Spent \$115,560

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
First Selectman *	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Second Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Third Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Property Tax Collector*	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Treasurer*                   * <b>\$13,000</b>	\$9,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Town Clerk*	\$4,500	\$with MV agent	with MV agent

Motor Vehicle Agent/Excise Collector (\$21/hr)	\$33,500	\$27,894.25	\$28,288
Administrative Assistant (\$20/hr)	\$24,000 <b>*\$22,000.00</b>	\$9,952.00 w/ sel. Asst/dep	\$41,784
Registrar of Voters <b>*\$0.00</b>	\$1,000	\$720	\$720
Road Commissioner	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RSU 18 School Board Director	\$250	\$250	\$250
Meeting Moderator (\$200 per event)	\$600	\$354.75	\$600
Election Warden (\$15/hr)	\$800	\$0	\$800
Ballot Clerk (\$13/hr)	\$3,000	\$1,326	\$3,000
Code Enforcement Officer *	\$29,625	\$22,800	\$22,800
Licensed Plumbing Inspector **	¾ fees	\$ -	¾ fees
Health Officer	\$100	\$100	\$100
911 Addressing Officer	\$500	\$500	\$500
Planning Board (\$200 per member)	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Board of Appeals (\$100 per member)	\$500	\$400	\$500
Fire Chief	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Assistant Fire Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600
Rescue Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600
Emergency Management Director	\$250	\$250	\$250
Sexton	\$500	\$500	\$500
Animal Control Officer (\$30 per call)	\$1,500	\$213	\$1,500
ACO- summons, court, enforce (\$14/hr)	\$300	\$0	\$300
Total Salaries	\$154,225	\$115,560	\$152,192

\* Stipend

\*\*no taxation required, appropriation only

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends with internal adjustments 5-0

**Passed as amended\***

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Town's contribution to Social Security and Medicare. Spent \$10,261.84.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$13,000 5-0

**Passed as amended \$13,000.00**

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,600 for the following expense accounts. Spent \$11,951.66

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Selectmen	\$1,400	\$1,508.00	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$1,800	\$709.82	\$1,200
Excise Tax Clerk	\$800	\$462.20	\$600
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$7,000	\$6,285.28	\$7,000

Planning Board	\$1,200	\$1,726.36	\$1,200
Code Travel Expense	\$900	\$900	\$900
Road Com. Travel Exp.	\$500	\$360	\$360
Total	\$13,600	\$11,951.66	\$12,660

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$12,400 5-0

**PASSED**

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,495 for regional emergency dispatching services. Spent \$15,254.54

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Passed**

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Town's Emergency Management Agency. Any unspent balance in the Town Emergency Management Agency budget at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the Emergency Management Reserve Account (*Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$2,500*). Spent \$0

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Passed**

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$52,650 for the Rome Fire Department. Spent \$47,579.50

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Building Maintenance	\$10,000	\$9,304.19	\$10,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000	\$6,908.82	\$4,000
New Equipment	\$6,500	\$5,130.57	\$6,500
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$17,000	\$13,530	\$17,000
Training	\$600	\$0	\$600
Truck Maintenance	\$6,000	\$4,258.89	\$6,000
Tower Fee	\$1,000	\$1,010	\$1,000
State of Maine compliance	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Medical	\$250	\$0	\$250
Hose Testing	\$3,000	\$3,228.75	\$2,000
Grant (matching funds)	\$3,000	\$2,908.30	\$2,500
Total	\$52,650	\$47,579.50	\$51,150

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Passed**

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Fire Department Truck Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$111,793.90*

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Passed**

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$277,000 for the Fire Department to purchase of a new tanker/pumper truck. (raise \$166,000 from taxation and appropriate \$111,000 from Fire Department Truck Reserve Account)

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 as Rome’s proportionate share of the second Belgrade Lakes full-time firefighter/paramedic’s salary and benefits. Spent \$22,500

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,250 for the Rome Rescue Department. Spent \$9,978.41

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Equipment Maintenance	\$600	\$559.50	\$500
New Equipment	\$4,500	\$3,066.63	\$2,000
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$4,500	\$4,410	\$4,500
Training	\$2,900	\$45	\$2,900
Truck Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,437.28	\$1,500
Licenses and Fees	\$350	\$460	\$350
Education	\$900	\$0	\$900
Total	\$15,250	\$9,978.41	\$12,875

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$12,350 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rescue Truck Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$ 26,260.60*

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,000 for donation to the Belgrade Lakes Association to mitigate milfoil in Great Meadow Stream, Great Pond, and Long Pond and support the courtesy boat inspections and other water quality issues. Spent \$12,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

*Passed*



**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for 7 Lakes Alliance’s (formerly, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance) Youth Conservation Corps program to protect and preserve North Pond, Great Pond, Long Pond and other water quality issues. Spent \$4,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

***Passed***

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for donation to North Pond Association for courtesy boat inspections and other water quality issues. Spent \$2,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

***Passed***

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,479 for donations to the following non-profit organizations that provide service to Rome residents. Spent \$3,688.50

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Spectrum Generations	\$3,570	\$1,880	\$1,880
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$600	\$600	\$600
Life Flight of Maine	\$505	\$505	\$505
Hospice Volunteer of Waterville Area	\$200	\$200	\$200
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$354	\$353.50	\$354
Maine Public (Broadcasting)	\$100	\$0	\$100
Community Health & Counseling Services	\$150	\$150	\$150
Total	\$ 5,479	\$3,688.50	\$3,789

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends non-approval 5-0

***PASSED***

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for donation to Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. Spent \$2,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

***Passed***

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \*\$100,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to offset the 2022 tax commitment.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee makes no recommendation 5-0

***Passed as amended (\*up to) \$100,000.00***

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of \$272,067 in anticipated revenues to offset the 2022 tax commitment.

Auto Excise	\$235,236
Boat Excise	\$7,983
Office/Agent Fees	\$5,640
TCT Revenues	\$1,995
Interest on Taxes	\$3,640
KRDA/First Park	\$17,573
Total	\$272,067

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2022 fiscal year any appropriated unexpended funds at 2021 fiscal year end, provided that the funds remain in the same account.

Global Towers	\$74.00
Dog Account	\$2,298
Campership Fund	\$614.39
Contingency	\$25,356
Recreation Comm	\$3,301.03
Transfer Station CD	\$148,307.40
Rescue Truck Reserve CD	\$26,260.60
Rescue Donations	\$4,165
F.D. Truck Reserve CD	\$111,793.90
FD Donations	\$9,188
FD Enterprise	\$9,243.56
Legal Reserve	\$20,049.79
Flagpole	\$297.34
EMA	\$2,500
Salt and Sand Shed	\$628.80
Total	\$380,781.50

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to set the due date for 2022 property taxes as October 31,2022 and to charge interest on the delinquent tax rate of 4% per annum on taxes unpaid as of November 1, 2022.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 0% 5-0

*Passed as Amended %0.00 (Yes 18, No 17)*

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount tax bills 3% if paid in full 30 days from tax billing date; the discounts and abatements are to be paid from overlay funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*PASSED*

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, and to execute quitclaim deeds or bills of sale, as the case may be, subject to the following: Before putting the foreclosed property up for sale, the Tax Collector may offer the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees, and interest; if they decline, the property will be advertised for sale and sold by sealed bid; the Board of Selectmen shall have the right to accept or reject any and all bids; and the sale of the property shall be advertised in four conspicuous places (Community Center, Eastside Fire Station, Mt. Phillip Grange, Website) within the Town and a local daily newspaper (Morning Sentinel) for three consecutive days at least two weeks prior to the sale. Except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s) for the amount of the accrued taxes, interest and cost plus any taxes and interest that would have been due had the Town not acquired the property.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon finding by the Board of Selectmen that the ownership of the property subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's interests.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

*Passed*

- Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to apply all franchise fees, tree growth reimbursements, and veteran tax exemption reimbursements to the contingency fund and to appropriate the same for unexpected expenses and/or to cover overdrafts.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*PASSED*
- Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction, or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture as are no longer necessary for Town operations, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*
- Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or reject any conditional gifts/grants of money, or personal property, to the Town and to appropriate and expend funds for the purpose for which the gift/grant was made, in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*PASSED*
- Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rome Ruff Riders for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*PASSED*
- Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,200 for donation to the Rome snowmobile club, Rome Ruff Riders. Spent \$1,200  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 4-0-1  
*Passed*
- Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,220 to support the Rome Recreation Committee activities. Spent \$525  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0  
*Passed*

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a/ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)funds) received by the Town from the Federal government (\$53,061.78 received in 2021 and another similar amount to be received in 2022, for a total estimated amount of \$106,123.56) for eligible uses as defined in the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule and as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, which uses may include the following projects: (i) removal of asbestos tiles from the Rome Community Center; (ii) performance of a survey of the Rome Beach lot and monumentation of its boundaries in preparation for a future walking path on the property; and (iii) provision of high-speed internet at Town Office to enable the use of a free hotspot available through Spectrum.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends non-approval 5-0

*Passed, (Yes 19, No 16)*

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor ~~four~~ two members and two alternate members to serve on the Budget Committee to review all items to be inserted into the Town Warrant requiring appropriation of monies and their recommendations noted. The terms of Lincoln Nye (3-year full member), Joan Orr (3-yr full member), Trent Shute (1-yr alternate member), and Langdon Adams (1-yr alternate member) expire.

*SAME 4 NOMINATED.*

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor four members to serve on the Recreation Committee. The term of Pamela Christensen (3-yr full member) expires, fill a position that expires March 2024 (Susan Broz resigned), and two 1-yr alternate positions.

*Members: Larry DiPietro Jr. and Chelsea Sucy*

*Alt. members: Barbara McCosh and Robert Swegard*

Rome Board of Selectmen

Paul Anderson    Larry DiPietro Jr.    Kelly Archer