

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY JANUARY 6TH, 2020

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6pm in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center. Selectman Anderson, Stratton, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Barbara Brickett, Carrol Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Gary Foss, Ed Pearl Jr., Monica McCarthy, Fred and Sandra Gagnon, Andrew Cook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Anderson/Archer Motion to approve minutes from December 23rd, 2019 meeting. All in Favor (3-0)

Public Comment:

Andrew Cook presented the Board with articles for the Town Warrant. One article pertaining to the Rome Rescue Department and the Belgrade Rescue. The other was a warrant article concerning withdrawal from 1st Park.

Sandra Gagnon inquired about the DiPietro's consent order and if they were meeting their required quota. The Board informed her that to date they have met and exceeded their quota. Ms. Gagnon then inquired why the Board was going into executive session with the Town attorney concerning questions not addressed in consent order, instead of having the DiPietro's go directly to the court with questions.

Monica McCarthy requested a copy of the letter with the Town's stand on the CMP corridor to be put up on the website.

Fire Department/Rescue meeting:

Fire Chief Gary Foss and Deputy Ed Pearl Jr. presented the 2020 line-item budget for the Fire Department and Rescue. One question came out of the discussion: whether or not the Fire Department Reserve Account allows the

purchase of a used truck or if it has to be a new truck. The Board will contact legal services to get more information.

Road Commissioner report was tabled until next Wednesday at 11AM during our budget workshop.

Anderson reports on the Marijuana licensing criteria. The Board's understanding is that the Town would have to vote to opt in to allow the sale of recreational marijuana. There will be a MMA workshop on January 28th covering this subject. Selectmen Anderson and Archer will attend.

Tax Collector/Treasurer Report:

Lyons brought in payroll/bill warrants to be signed. Lyons will have more budget information for the Board for our workshop on Wednesday.

Archer/Anderson Motion to adjourn

All in Favor (3-0)

Barbara Brickett