

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 15, 2019
MINUTES**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5 pm in the Community Room at the Rome Community Center. Selectman Anderson, Stratton, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Barbara Brickett, Andrew Marble, Sandra and Fred Gagnon, Don Peterson, George and Judi Johnstone, Jon Wathen, Richard LaBelle, Steven and Monica McCarthy, Carol Johnson, John Schultz, Rick Stephens, Carrol Bubar, Larry DiPietro Jr., Andy Cook, Pierrette Kelly, Richard Tracy, Spencer Tracy, Laura Kwon, Jan Bielau Niuus.

Pledge of Allegiance

Anderson began the Public Hearing for the renewal application of Mercer Road junkyard. Andy Cook was concerned if there were any conflicts of interest with of the selectmen. In response each selectman answered no. Cook wanted to know if Andrew Marble had completed an inspection and if the junkyard was in compliance. Andrew Marble spoke explaining he had completed an inspection and nothing has changed (one item a generator had been moved possibly 50 feet). Marble continued to explain that there is a large difference between the two junkyards run by Mr. DiPietro. The junkyard on Rte. 27 was an Auto Recycling junkyard where as the Mercer Road location is a automobile graveyard. All vehicles have been long since drained of fluids, some do not even have an engine. To respond to the question if D O T should be called to do an inspection, Marble said it would be a complete waste of time.

Questions were asked concerning the Rte. 27 junkyard consent agreement. Andrew Marble said that all slips had been turned in and September's quota has been meet.

Anderson called the Junkyard hearing adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Anderson called the hearing concerning the speed limit on Wentworth Place to order at 5:30 pm in the Community Room. A 15 mph sign is currently posted on the road. This sign may not meet State standards due to its size. Anderson has been trying to contact the Department of Transportation for the last week with no avail. Richard LaBelle commented on information he learned from the changes on Jamaica Point Road, that signs should be posted on the right side of the roads. Anderson said he would try contacting the DOT again to discuss with them regarding a road study. Anderson would get clarification on if a road less than one-quarter mile should be 15 mph. Anderson made a motion to adjourn Public Hearing on speed limit at 6pm. Stratton seconded all approved (3-0).

The Board recognized Laura Kwon who wanted to address the Board concerning Wreaths Across America. Kwon would like signed permission to have a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Village cemetery on Mercer Road. The Board was all in agreement and Anderson signed the permission form to go ahead. The public may donate a wreath or wreaths to the cause or to a specific veteran.

The Board adjourned to the Selectmen's office at 6:05pm.

Paul Anderson called the regular scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Steve and Monica McCarthy came to bring informational packets concerning the New England Clean Energy Connect Project. They are asking the town for a public hearing concerning the CMP corridor. The public hearing would consist of speakers, a Q & A section, followed by a show of hands. This would guide the Board of Selectmen in what direction for representing the Town of this issue. The Board will contact the newspaper to see if this could be advertised in community events. The Public Hearing will be on November 19th (Tuesday) at 7-8:30pm.

Cecil Merry came in and signed the snowplowing contract.

Paul Anderson made a motion to renew the commercial junkyard permit on Mercer Road. Lois Stratton seconded. All approved (3-0)

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes from September 30th, 2019 meeting, Lois Stratton seconded. All approved (3-0).

Copy of these minutes will be emailed to Tammy Knight to close out the Travis Mills Foundation Block Grant.

Tax Collector/ Treasurer Report:

Tammy Lyons brought the warrants to be signed for payroll and bills. She reported that Matt Caldwell was in today, and the quarterly review has been completed with a small gain. On November 19th Matt Caldwell will be in early at the Town Office and then leave to go to the hearing for Dana Delisle.

Kathy Ross has called about a lien that had not been released in 2010, Lyons passed a quick claim deed around for the Board to sign.

Anderson was asked about what permission would be needed to sell cannabis products recreationally. The Board will reach out to Maine Municipal Association (MMA) for guidance.

Kelly Archer made a motion to adjourn meeting. Paul Anderson seconded and all approved (3-0) at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brickett
Assistant to the Selectmen