

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OCTOBER 28, 2019  
MINUTES**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6 pm in the Selectmen's 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, Heather and Jeff Briggs, Tom McAvoy, Terry Hughes, Steven McCarthy, John Schultz, Carrol Bubar, Andy Cook, Richard Tracy, Spencer Tracy, Jan Bielau Niuus.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Tracy asked about Wentworth Place follow up with David Allen of D.O.T. Anderson gave the information on the phone conversation with David Allen. Allen said to take down the 15 mph sign. The speed limit is 45 mph (no signs are needed) He said the town can post a black on yellow sign at their discretion, Anderson recommended a black on yellow 25 mph sign.

Anderson showed photos of 2007 and 2011 showing there were no speed limit signs posted.

Tracy's are still requesting a traffic study to be done. Anderson made a motion to send a notice to David Allen for a speed traffic study to be done. All in favor (3-0).

2 dead end signs 30" x 30", 1 new sign to replace the old Dead end sign and 1 new sign be placed on right side of road just past Tracy's property. Anderson made the motion to place signs, Stratton 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor (3-0).

Old Business:

- Archer / Anderson accepted the minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. All in favor (3-0)
- Dr. Andrew Cook reported on the Harvest dinner. Had a large turn out, it was a success.
- He also gave a reminder for the 1<sup>st</sup> Park vote for next Town meeting.
- Cook said that Belgrade was putting in a new septic system ordinance. Cook is recommending adopting this ordinance. Also a mooring ordinance.
- Gary Foss asked Cook to write a warrant article concerning Rome \$30,000 for having coverage for rescue from Belgrade Fire Department. Marble will do some research on this subject.
- Steven McCarthy spoke about the concern for the wording on the flyer that said a special town meeting instead of a Public hearing. He will change the wording on the flyer to say Public hearing.

New Business:

- Tom McAvoy requested an item be put on the next Selectmen's meeting.
- Heather Briggs came to ask about the Oak Ridge Road. She said that to have a driveway permit you would have to be on a public road. Briggs also said that she was told that Monica Ridge has been maintaining the stretch of road that the town doesn't 2/10ths of a mile from the school bus and plow truck turn around. They would like to have the town pick up the maintenance on that 2/10ths of a mile to her driveway.
- Marble joined in the discussion about Oak Ridge Rd. discontinue section.
- Terry Hughes said that Oakridge road is a town road, but wanted to avoid a confrontation, they have been maintaining the section to Monica Ridge.

- Anderson made a motion to accept bid to replaced fuse disconnect box for the generator with a breaker box for \$750.00. Archer 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved (3-0)
- Archer made motion to add Julie Morrison and Barbara Brickett to the State surplus list. All in favor (3-0)
- Tammy Lyons suggested having town cover cost of putting floor down in Julie Morrison's - Town Clerk office.

Road Commissioner's Report:

- Last storm brought trees down which were cleared from 3 roads.
- 15 mph sign will be taken down with in a couple of days.
- 2 new dead end signs 30" x 30" will be ordered. One 25 mph. All signs to be Black on Yellow.
- Bubar has permission to store snow-blower at the Fire Department. He wants \$1700.00 for a snow-blower.
- Driveway at 131 Mercer Road has a 6 inch drop. Bubar will fix with crush rock. Anderson made motion to accept, all in favor (3-0)

Code Enforcer/Plumbing Inspector:

- Andy Marble had a couple of violations he is working on.
- He has complaints on a household on Crystal Springs Road.
- Marble reported about a grant for Efficiency Maine refund up to 50%. Native Conservancy would also do 25% on upgrading to L.E.D.to Town Office. Would be refit \$7000.00 and fixtures \$15,000.00. The town did not qualify because the town doesn't use enough lights to qualify.
- Marble will look in to updating the lights in the Excise Tax office.
- Trailer on Watson Pond Road will tear down illegal shed.

Tax Collector/ Treasurer Report:

- Tammy Lyons brought the warrants to be signed for payroll and bills.
- A donation was made in the memory of Edward Urquhart for \$75.00 to the Rome Volunteer Fire Department.

Stratton made a motion to adjourn meeting. Archer 2nd and all approved (3-0) at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brickett  
Deputy/Assistant to the Selectmen