

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Wednesday November 13, 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, Carol Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Tom McAvoy, Steven and Monica McCarthy, Andy Cook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Anderson spoke to Mr. McAvoy about his tax bill, stating it was against the law to allow changes to tax bills and /or discount after taxes have been sent out.

Dr. Andrew Cook spoke on the mutual aid and shared paramedics. Cook has drafted a warrant article for the next town meeting. Cook requested update on DiPietro's junkyard to see if they are in compliance. Anderson explained they have exceeded their quota. Cook suggested adding an option of neutral to the straw vote on the CMP corridor and having the vote be secret ballot. Cook suggested it was foolish of the town to vote on a subject that does not affect the Town of Rome. Steve McCarthy defended the right to vote on this subject because even though the corridor doesn't go through Rome it does go through our state.

Old Business:

- Archer / Stratton accepted the minutes from October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. All in favor (3-0)
- Stratton asked about Oak Ridge Road and suggested getting a Road Manual from the Maine Municipal Association. Archer will pick the manual in Augusta this week. The Board will look at all the options and discuss further next selectmen's meeting.

New Business:

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Road Commissioner's Report:

- Carrol Bubar reported he will take the 15mph sign down this week on Wentworth Place. Stratton asked about where the snow blower (if purchased) would be used. Bubar said mainly for flag pole and entrances, including basement door. Fire department approved storage for the snow blower.
- Anderson/Archer motion made to purchase snow blower for \$1700.00. approved 2-1

Code Enforcer/Plumbing Inspector:

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Tax Collector/ Treasurer Report:

- Tammy Lyons brought the warrants to be signed for payroll and bills. Trio has to install an update and will have a training for Town Office on 11/4/2019. We will go live on 1/17/2020.
- Anderson/Stratton motion to use monies received from legal matters to deposit in the legal expense account. All in favor (3-0)

- Archer/Anderson motion to use legal reserve monies to cover current legal expenses. All in favor (3-0)
- Anderson/Archer motion to put new price for RDJ appraisal (\$24,250 a 4% increase) into the warrant for next town meeting. All in Favor (3-0)

Other:

- An issue came up concerning the town's cleaning supplies. Cheryl, from Maine Paper Solutions, was concerned about an order that was made and asked Barbara Brickett about who orders the town's cleaning supplies. It came to the Board's attention that former selectman Richard LaBelle took it upon himself to order supplies for the town without notifying the Board. The Board has accepted the order and Maine Paper Solutions understands orders must come from a town official.
- Stratton will contact Tom Orr to get an estimate for laying the flooring, (which has been already purchased) in the excise tax office. All in Favor (3-0)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brickett  
Deputy/Assistant to the Selectmen