

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 18th, 2020
MINUTES**

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, Larry DiPietro Jr., Abby DiPietro, and Andrew Cook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Andrew Cook mentioned that the Recreation Committee would be serving refreshments at our annual Town Meeting on March 14th, a donation jar will be set out to benefit Dawn Burnham.
- Larry DiPietro Jr. came to ask questions that were not addressed in the DiPietro consent order. The consent order does not take into account that there may be vehicles left to remove when June 1st, 2020 comes around. DiPietro mentioned that even though they are meeting (and exceeding) their monthly quota for tonnage and tires, there may be more to remove, and he asks what should be done now to fix this issue in the consent order. Anderson explained that the Board of Selectmen spoke with the Town's attorney and we told to hold off until April and reevaluate the situation. The Attorney suggested to wait and make sure there would be an issue before going through the motions to amend the consent order.

Old Business:

- Lois Stratton asked about what the problems were with the ballots. Ballots were available on time, February 13th, 30 days before the March 13th election. The Town Clerk and Deputy were at the office on Thursday 13th (even though technically the office was closed due to snowstorm). The other issue was concerning a candidate's name on the ballot. Maine Municipal Association legal department was contacted for determination. The candidate used both maiden and married name on the nomination papers (on the voter registration list she only used her married name). The MMA legal department said that if anyone wishes to contest, they have 48 hours after the nomination papers are taken out to do so. After the 48 hours are over the name on the ballot must be the same on the nomination papers.

Tax Collector/ Treasurer Report:

- Tammy Lyons reported on our Town Audit. The auditor mentioned a deferred account with \$94,000. Every year to help off-set commitment the Board of Selectmen estimates what the Town will be receiving for Revenue Sharing. Where

it is an estimate there is money left over. Over many years this money has built up to \$94,000. The Board can vote to move this into the general fund which can be used towards offsetting commitment next year.

The Auditor also recommended a policy for those hourly employees concerning vacation or paid days off. Paul Anderson will write up a policy and have it for the Board to consider next meeting.

Stratton/Archer Motion to approve minutes from February 3rd, 2020 meeting.

All in Favor (3-0)

Archer/Stratton Motion to adjourn @ 7:15PM All in Favor (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brickett
Deputy/Assistant to the Selectmen