

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MARCH 18, 2019  
MINUTES**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:05 pm in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center in Rome. Selectmen Anderson, Stratton and Archer were present. A quorum was declared. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Carroll Bubar, Abby DiPietro, Tammy Lyons and Ed Pearl Jr.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

Stratton/Anderson      Motion to accept March 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Stratton/Anderson      Motion to accept March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

A bill was received from Warren and Kincaid with no description of what the bill was for. Treasurer Tammy Lyons spoke with David Kincaid and he confirmed that the bill was for sand that was purchased and stock piled in February. The Board agreed to pay the bill this warrant and Mr. Kincaid will submit an itemized invoice.

Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar was in attendance this evening to give the board an update on the Towns road conditions. Bubar stated that all Town roads will be posted by the end of the week.

There is an old underground drainage system on Jamaica Point Road that is full of sand and inoperable; this has caused a large sink hole in the road that Carroll has received complaints about. Mr. Bubar states that this is a matter that will need to be addressed before road construction on Jamaica Road begins later this year.

Mr. Bubar also talked about Oak Ridge; the road has some ruts and mud but Carrol has put some gravel into the road and would like to wait and see how it looks over the next couple weeks before doing anything else to the dirt roads.

Recently Mr. Bubar met with game wardens and a resident on rt. 225 that has been feeding deer. This has created hazardous road conditions as they cross the road often and many have been hit. The wardens have asked the resident to cut back the amount of feeding. Mr. Bubar was also asked by the wardens to speak with the Board about funding and putting up "deer crossing" signs. The Board has spoken with DOT in the past about this issue but until now they were unwilling to assist with the situation.

Mr. Bubar also discussed the request received from Central Maine Disposal (CMD) to use the Towns posted roads to service their customers' needs with the Board. The Board will draft a letter and fax it to CMD.

The discussion of creating a committee to look into the possibility of leaving First Park has been tabled. Dr. Andrew Cook, town of Rome First Park Representative has expressed that he would like to do most of the research on his own and would like to draft a proposal with his findings and present it to the board for review as well as have it looked over by the towns attorney and or a state representative. The Board is in favor of allowing Dr. Cook to work independently on this project.

The code enforcement officer is present; but there is nothing to report.

Town Clerk, Abby DiPietro presented the Board with appointment papers for town committees and boards for review and signing. All members have been contacted and have agreed to their appointments.

Anderson/Stratton      Motion to approve appointments of Town committees as approved at Town meeting.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Archer/Anderson      Motion to keep meeting agendas generic unless items come up for consideration.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons offered an update on her office. Ms. Lyons states that 30 day notices will be mailed this week on March 20, 2019. Also, Ms. Lyons recently sold a cemetery plot.

Stratton/Anderson      Motion to sign two quit claim deeds for cemetery plots; to Jason and Tabitha Lofstrom and Al and June White.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Selectman Kelly Archer questions the \$250 purchase policy amount. Ms. Archer wonders if the amount could be raised so that the fire/rescue department doesn't need to get a PO for as many purchases. Selectman Paul Anderson states that the fire and rescue departments are spending money out of their budget approved at Town Meeting, and because of this he personally doesn't have a problem with them spending up to \$1000.00 without prior authorization.

Anderson/Archer      Motion to raise the purchase order (PO) amount to \$1000.00 per purchase.  
Anderson, Archer in favor, Stratton opposed (2-1)

Stratton/Anderson      Motion to adjourn.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro  
Assistant to the Selectman