

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 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 Andrew Cook, Abby DiPietro, Gary Foss, Sandra and Fred Gagnon, Richard Greenan, Ray Hepper, Peter Kallin, Pierrette Kelly, Richard LaBelle, Robert Liversidge, Tammy Lyons, Lincoln and Faye Nye, Jack Schultz and Alex Wahl.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance.

21 residents gathered in the community room; Sandra Gagnon, Alex Wahl, Lincoln Nye, Richard LaBelle, Ray Hepper, Pierrette Kelly, Peter Kallin and Andrew Cook all spoke of their concerns over the DiPietro junkyard. Sandra Gagnon read and turned in a paper about her concerns. Lincoln Nye still considers Kelly Archer to be an associate to the DiPietro; even though there isn't any benefit from having a junkyard on family owned land and feels she should recuse herself. Ray Hepper and Pierrette Kelly both wanted the timeline and plan for the upcoming court date. Second selectman, Lois Stratton spoke about the upcoming court date, and stated that time limits for the cleanup would be determined then. Jack Schultz has concerns about new vehicles being brought in. Richard LaBelle was asking for a stop order on all clean up until after the court date. Peter Kallin spoke about a commercial storm drainage plan and wants DEP to inspect. Andrew Cook also wants the plan for the upcoming court date. All wanted a stop order issued.

Code officer Andrew Marble was asked about a work stop order and replied that personally he thought the cleaning out of cars was a good thing, but not bringing in anything new. He added that even the town's attorney thought the removal and cleanup of vehicles was a good thing and couldn't see it was necessary to stop it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Archer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman

Dr. Andrew Cook, Town of Rome First Park Representative, presented his findings for the town's withdrawal from First Park. Dr. Cook suggests withdrawal from First Park as a possible warrant article for the 2020 Town Meeting. Dr. Cook also presented a First Park "fact sheet" as well as a financial statement for the franchise. First Park "should" break even in July of 2020, at that point allowing towns to withdraw from the contract. At this time there are 7 Rome residents employed at First Park.

Code enforcement officer Andrew Marble spoke of a complaint he received about a residence on Crystal Springs Lane. Marble sent notices to the landowner and violator asking for them to clean the residence up within 2 weeks.

Selectman Stratton asked Marble if he would be attending the May 29<sup>th</sup> court date for the DiPietro case. Marble stated that yes he would be in attendance.

Tax Collector and Treasurer Tammy Lyons offered an update on her office. Ms. Lyons presented the board with warrants from April 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for signatures. Ms. Lyons also presented this year's homestead exemption reimbursement form for the board's approval and signatures.

A check was received from Overhead Door Company for a credit that the fire department had on the account for a door repair.

The funds from the block grant that was approved earlier this year for the Travis Mills Foundation have been received. Ms. Lyons made this amount part of her treasurer's request this week and will cut and mail the check to the foundation.

Discussion began this evening regarding 2019 tax commitment. Resident Richard LaBelle discouraged the Board from committing too soon. The board has scheduled a special selectman meeting to further discuss the commitment next Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6PM.

Town Clerk Abby DiPietro let the Board know that due to an oversight the RSU 18 budget referendum warrants weren't available to be signed. DiPietro will have them for the Board to sign at the special Selectman meeting Monday May 20, 2019.

The quote received from SnoPond Technology for replacement computers is expiring soon. Selectman Archer will reach out to them to see about extending the quote.

Selectman Anderson spoke with DOT regarding the misspelled road signs in town; DOT confirmed that the road signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

Selectman Anderson also spoke with RSU 18 about contributing to bus turn around repair. RSU 18 stated that they are not willing to help with the repairs needed.

The Board discussed the cleaning schedule for the Community Center, as it hasn't been being done on a regular basis. Selectman Archer will reach out to the current cleaner to see if she would like to continue cleaning the community center, if not they will reach out to another cleaning company.

Stratton/Archer            Motion to accept April 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby DiPietro  
Assistant to the Selectman