

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday April 27th, 2020
MINUTES**

Chairman Monica McCarthy called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6 pm via Zoom online, in the interest of social distancing during COVID-19 and Governor Mills' limitation of meetings to 10 or fewer persons. Selectman McCarthy, Stratton, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Julie Morrison, Carroll Bubar, Richard LaBelle, Dick Greenan, Lynn LaBelle, Ryan Woodbury and Anthony Wilson.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to approve the March 30th, 2020 meeting by McCarthy, 2nd by Archer all approved 3-0

Public Comment:

- Andy Marble spoke with Ryan Woodbury earlier today about enacting a food sovereignty ordinance in the Town of Rome – allowing farmers to sell food directly to the consumers. An Ordinance would need to be voted on by the town.
- Town Clerk Julie Morrison stated the primary was moved to July.

New Business:

Road Commissioner:

- Carroll said culverts would be here tomorrow morning. Ditching is finished on the paving project. Grinding may start on Monday, Mercer Rd. 1st weather permitting.
- Carroll asked about FEMA/MEMA – trees hauled off and cleanup of brush.
- Hammond Lumber graciously donated all materials for an out-house at the Rome Public beach. Schute is storing materials in her garage.
- John Procter gave permission for brush from the road work to be buried on his property, which is saving the Town time and money.
- Mr. Sears, who owns property at the end of Wooster Hill road has been asked about trimming or removing a large lilac bush near the road. Residents have commented it blocks the view of oncoming traffic. Arrangements have been made, at no cost to the Town, for the lilac bush to be moved to a new location.
- May 15th, 2020 to start on repairing/paving Rt.225.

Code Enforcer/Plumbing Inspector:

- Marble said DiPietro has met their quota and is still in compliance with the consent order.
- He had 2 violations one on Golden Rd. and one on Granite Estate.
- Daggett would like an executive session with board to discuss a pending case.

Tax Collector/ Treasurer Report:

- Tax assessor was in last Tuesday. Wanted to know if he could get a commitment date with selectmen. Only waiting on RSU18 budget amount and the County Tax.
- Lyons brought the warrants to be signed for payroll and bills.
- She had to call TDS because of phone issues on Thursday.
- Adam Clement has asked about getting a town credit card which would be more convenient then waiting for reimbursement for Fire Department purchases.

Old Business:

- Archer gave update on the new computers and upgrades. Snow Pond Technology needed info on Office 365 quote.
- Stratton spoke to Daggett and mailed her information on First Park. Daggett requested additional information; Stratton will call Dr. Cook for it and mail new information to Daggett.

Other:

- Stratton motion to accept a donation of \$500.00 from the Schlossers for the Rome Fire and Rescue Department Archer 2nd, all approved 3-0
- First Park runs July to June 30th, 2020. Next March looking to incur more debt.
- Morrison will get in touch with CVR to get help signing in and voting machine.
- Lynn LaBelle wants to be in the loop on the voting machine.
- Stratton asked about having water tested, if comes back still not acceptable must be posted with Julie.
- Talk to TDS about phone upgrade.
- Stratton asked where we were on the scholarships, we are waiting to hear from them (Middle School, Messalonskee High School and Snow Pond Academy).

Stratton/Archer 2nd, motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM

All in Favor (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brickett
Deputy/Assistant to the Selectmen

