

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 16, 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. Selectmen Anderson, Stratton and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Tammy Lyons, Andrew Marble, Richard LaBelle, Jack Schultz, Raymond Hepper, Fred and Sandra Gagnon and Larry DiPietro Jr.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance

Archer/Stratton            Motion to approve September 3, 2019 meeting minutes.  
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Public Comment:

Jack Schultz wanted to thank the Board and especially the work of Andrew Marble on the consent agreement between the Town of Rome and the DiPietro's. Mr. Schultz inquired about a number of cars located on the Mercer Rd. that were seen using a drone. Andrew Marble explained it is a licensed junkyard that has been there for many years, it cannot be seen from the road and is currently in compliance.

Larry DiPietro Jr. asked about the consent agreement; because the agreement was signed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September and not the 1<sup>st</sup> almost a week was lost in meeting the required recycling quota. DiPietro requested that the date to start cleanup is the date the consent agreement was signed which would allow a complete month to meet the requirements. The Board of Selectmen and Andrew Marble did not see how the agreement could be altered after the signing.

Anderson reported that Abby DiPietro has turned in her resignation as Town Clerk, BMV Excise Tax Collector/Agent, Registrar of Voters and Assistant to Selectmen. DiPietro did not offer an effective date; but hopes to find a suitable replacement as not to leave the residents of Rome without a clerk or motor vehicle services. It is understood that her resignation should take effect in 2 to 4 weeks.

The Town will post for a replacement and that of a deputy in the newspaper, website and at the Town Office. We will be accepting applications up until September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. At the next Select Board meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> the Board will review applications and set up interviews to get a replacement in as soon as possible.

Road Commissioner Report:

Carroll Bubar reported that the salt shed sand box has been repaired. Also, there is a washout on the Wooster Hill Road that he will be repairing as soon as possible.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Andrew Marble dropped off copies of an Energy Audit prepared through the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments. Marble reported that the Town is doing very well however there is room for improvement. Suggestions were using a programmable digital thermostat, and upgraded to LED lights in

the building, Marble also discussed the advantage of having LED bulbs in our streetlights. Marble is in contact with CMP about our streetlights and will be looking into Efficiency Maine grants for upgrading the building lights.

Tax Collector/Treasurer Report:

Tammy Lyons explained that it is time to close out the Travis Mills Community Block Grant. In order to close out the account a public hearing is required.

The Town also needs to have a public hearing on adopting General Assistance Ordinance. Both public hearings will be scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 before the Selectmen's meeting.

Lyons also mentioned the Town Assessor, Matt Caldwell, will be in the office this Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Lois Stratton brought up a new rule LD917, an act to increase clerk registration fees.

Stratton/Archer            Motion to increase the municipal agent fee on BMV registration renewals to \$5.00 (from \$3.00), and new BMV registrations to \$6.00 (from \$4.00); to be effective October 1, 2019.  
Anderson/Stratton/Archer in favor (3-0)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Archer  
Third Selectman