

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 Carol Bubar, Tammy Lyons, Ed Pearl Jr., Tammy Knight, Jack Schultz, Andrew Cook, Fred and Sandra Gagnon, Pierrette Kelly, Richard Tracy, Spencer Tracy and Bielau Niuus.

Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance

Archer/Anderson Motion to approve September 16, 2019 meeting minutes.
Anderson, Stratton, Archer in favor (3-0)

Anderson/Archer

A motion was made to adopt the revised General assistance Ordinance for appendices A,F and H for the Town of Rome.

Anderson/Stratton and Archer all approve (3-0)

Public hearing concerning new revised General Assistance Ordinance for the Town of Rome. After hearing no questions.

New Business:

Spencer Tracy spoke concerning the speed limit on Wentworth Place. The speed limit was changed from 15 M.P.H to 35 m.p.h. This change can't be made without D.O.T study, confirmation with the State Police all of which must start with a public hearing. When the sign was changed the road commissioner had been told by a D.O.T representative that it was ok. This speed limit sign will be put back to 15 M.P.H and a public hearing will be set.

A motion to have a public hearing on the speed limit for Wentworth Place in 2 weeks at 5:30 pm. Anderson/Stratton/Archer all in favor (3-0)

Public Comment:

Andrew Cook reported on the tag sale put on by the Recreation Committee. The sale brought in \$640.00. Dr .Cook also mentioned the upcoming Harvest Supper on October 26th 2019 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The committee will need \$400.00 to put supper on.

Public hearing concerning close out of the Travis Mills Foundation Community Block grant. Tammy Knight, Development Program Manager for the Department of Economic and Community Development State of Maine, Spoke about all the new equipment that he camp was able to purchase through this block grant. Ms. Knight requested that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to her to finish the requirements for the grant.

Over the weekend there was an issue with the power to the Community Building. The conduit running into the basement to the junction box is allowing water to leak in. This caused corrosion in and around the main disconnect box. Fuses were blown. Fuses were replaced and an estimate will be brought in for cost of fixing the problem.

Road Commissioner Report:

Carol Bubar reports that the D.O.T. will be fixing a drain on Rt. 225. Signs have been set up regarding the black patches on Rt. 225 that are extremely slippery when wet. The D.O.T. have started putting groves in the black patches to provide more stability.

The rocks currently set between the Fire Department and the Community Center will be moved temporarily for the winter season. It was suggested that a snow blower would be helpful to clear the front of the Community Center and up to the flag pole. Carol Bubar will speak with the Fire Chief Gary Foss to see if there is space available to store the snow-blower when not in use.

Treasurer/Tax Collector Report:

Tammy Lyons reported that Snow Pond Technology will be coming this Friday for our computer update. Once new equipment is installed she will contact TRIO for an update that is required. Matt Caldwell, town assessor, has completed the town M.V.R.1 which the board must sign.

Lyons reported that individuals have requested the 3% discount after the deadline has passed. One individuals said they did not receive a tax bill and another individual said their tax payment was mailed in time, but was not received at the office until after the deadline. A call was made to M.M.A. legal department. By law the town isn't required to even mail tax bills. Once the taxes have been committed it is against the law to change when the bills are due and when the discount is in effect. Therefore, for whatever the reason is, the town cannot grant a discount after the deadline has passed.

On November 19, 2019 Mr. Dana Delisie will have a hearing on the denial of a requested abatement.

Anderson/Stratton

A motion was made to have Matt Caldwell represent the Town of Rome at this hearing.
Anderson/Stratton/Archer all in favor (3-0)

Old Business:

Anderson reported the Belgrade Selectboard were supportive of assisting Rome with processing registrations when needed. They ask for a phone call from a Selectperson to initiate the help.

Other:

Due to a new law the bathrooms at the Community Center will not be gender specific. Signs will be put up and a lock will be installed on what was the men's door.

Applications for Town Clerk-BMV registration agent – Registra of voters – Assistant to the Selectmen and as Deputy for the above were received and discussed. Three applicants were called for interviews on Wednesday October 2, 2019. Abby DiPietro resignation takes effect on October 5th, 2019 after Saturday hours 9-11:30 am.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Archer
Third Selectman