

TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2019

1. **Call meeting to order – flag salute:** Rob Elliott called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order with the flag salute.
2. **Board Member Attendance Recognized:** Rob Elliott, Andy Pratt, Jim Burrill, Rodney Cook, and Rodney Spiller. Others Attending: Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Robert Worthley, and Valerie Tucker.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 7/23/2019:** Rodney Spiller made a motion to approve minutes from the 7/23/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 8/15/2019 for \$8,250.01:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 8/15/2019 for \$8,250.01. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Sign the Commitment/Valuation Return:** The mil rate has been set at 17.8 for the 2019 Tax Year. Jim Burrill made a motion to sign the Commitment Certificate and Municipal Valuation for 2019. Rodney Spiller 2nd the motion and all voted in favor
6. **Personal Vehicle Use/Employee:** Rod Spiller said that he put this on the agenda to answer Tonia’s request for the Selectmen’s decision on paying for her insurance deductible from the accident she had with her personal vehicle while working. The selectmen stated that several employees use their personal vehicles to conduct town business. Those employees are allowed to receive the higher mileage rate that covers gas and wear and tear on vehicle and the Town is not liable for any damage that occurs beyond this benefit. They further stated that it needed to be made clear at the time an employee is hired and in the personnel policy. Rod Spiller made a motion to add to our current personnel policy or develop a separate policy regarding personal vehicle use during town business hours and to do so at next meeting. Andy Pratt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
7. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman:** Sandy said that we had received a survey form and will continue to receive forms that need to be filled out for the upcoming census. She said that Bob Worthley is willing to answer the census questions and fill out the forms for the Town. Bob said he would like the selectmen’s approval before he started doing that. All approved and appreciated Bob’s willingness to do so. **Andy** spoke with Duayne and said he has verified that the sand price will be the same this year, but the volume will increase. The siding is done on the pole barn, and he would like to be able to paint the roof and wrap this project up with the 2018 budgeted money. Andy will be contacting Jeff Allen with the Town of New Vineyard to settle the turnaround issues on Fredericks Road. **Jim** noted that we had some water in downstairs bathroom with the recent heavy rain. Jim, Andy and Duayne looked at the outside wall and it may be seeping through there. They will continue to monitor. They were pleased that pump came on and did what it was supposed to do. **Rod S.** said he would like Selectmen to consider hiring someone to do general maintenance at the Park during the busy months. He is looking for any ideas on that. He would also like us to look at writing up Job Descriptions for all positions

including Selectmen. They also discussed the need for reflective gear for our custodian and reflective triangles for the lawn tractor when it is out on the road. **Rob** said that he and Jeff Murphy will be meeting with the guy who did the original grants for the tennis court in order to receive future grant help with the improvements that need to be completed there. Rob said we will also need to be doing some technology upgrades in the office possibly with next year's budget. Sandy mentioned that we have ordered a replacement computer to act as our server and it will be installed in October.

Jim Burrill made a motion to adjourn. Rob 2nd and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk