

# TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

## August 28, 2019 – 6pm

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, and Rodney Spiller. Rod Cook, absent. Others Attending: Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Todd Sanders (SAD58 Superintendent) and Valerie Tucker.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 8/13/2019:** Rodney Spiller made a motion to approve minutes from the 8/13/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Andy Pratt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 8/29/2019 for \$10,212.85:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 8/29/2019 for \$10,212.85. Rod Spiller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Update Personnel Policy:** The Selectmen added language to the personnel policy under the mileage section as follows: “The Town of Strong is not liable for any damages or injuries caused by an employee’s vehicle when it is being used for and/or in pursuit of town business.” Rob Elliott made a motion to accept and add the new language as presented by Jim Burrill. Rod Spiller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all voted in favor. The selectmen would like to have copies of all job descriptions to review and discuss at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Selectmen’s meeting.
6. **Cemetery:** Rod said that he has had some concerns over the past couple months and so has the office. Rod suggested that it has been difficult for folks to know where their plots are or for the office to know who is being buried and in what plot. Sometimes that information does not get adequately passed onto the town office. Rod Spiller suggested that we hire a person as Sexton for the Strong Village Cemetery to oversee and to keep us more organized. Rod has been consulting with Rupert Pratt and Dick Worthley who have knowledge of the cemetery. It was decided that Rupert Pratt would be asked to come to the next Selectmen’s meeting and share some of the history of the cemetery and discuss more options.
7. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman:** No Reports
8. **Selectmen’s Reports:** Andy said the Maine DOT has speed feedback signs for free to Town’s that apply while supplies last. He will be submitting the paperwork to DOT this week. Andy referred to the letter that selectmen received from Jeff Barnum. He has concerns about the grading, road maintenance, and speed limit on Fredericks Road. Andy said the guys are doing a good job with all the dirt roads that they maintain, but he will go and talk with Jeff directly. Andy reported that the roadside mowing guy, Randy Oliver, is done with roadside mowing due to machinery issues. Andy said they are looking into other people and ideas for finishing the job. Andy said that the curtain donated from the grange hall is now here at the FMB. It was suggested that Andy meet with the Forster Memorial Building Committee about hanging it on the stage. He also said that painting the pole barn roof will likely not get done this year due to the cost of the paint and not enough budget to cover it. Rob said that he and Jeff Murphy met with Doug Beck from the State Land & Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service. Rob said Joyce Murphy would work on writing the grant for a complete rebuild of the tennis court recreation area. We would need to raise half and they would pay half. We have almost half now. It would be completely redone and turned into a multiuse area with basketball, tennis, and pickle

ball court. Rob and Jeff will continue to pursue this. Mr. Beck said that they might even be able to help out with additional parking for the beach area.

Rod Spiller made a motion to adjourn. Jim Burrill 2<sup>nd</sup> and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk