

**Town of Strong – Public Hearing for General Assistance Minutes
September 24, 2019 – 6pm**

Rob Elliot opened the public hearing at 6pm. The purpose of the public hearing was to approve the proposed General Assistance Ordinance Yearly appendices.

1. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
2. **End Public comment and close the hearing:** Jim Burrill made a motion to end public discussion and close the hearing. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
3. **Adopt the ordinance as is or amend in light of public discussion:** Jim Burrill made a motion to adopt the ordinance for the 2019/2020 General Assistance Maximums. Rod Spiller 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.

**TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2019**

1. **Call meeting to order – flag salute:** Rob Elliott called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order with a moment of silence for the Farmington Firefighter that lost his life and the ones still in the hospital and then 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, Duayne Boyd, and Valerie Tucker.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 9/10/2019:** Rod Cook made a motion to approve minutes from the 9/10/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Rod Spiller 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 9/26/2019 for \$15,854.36:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 9/26/2019 for \$15,854.36. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Job Descriptions:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve the Job Description for the Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters/Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer as written. Andy Pratt 2nd and all voted in favor. Jim Burrill made a motion to accept the Job Description for the FMB/Recreational Maintenance Custodian with suggested changes. Rob Elliott 2nd and all voted in favor. Sandy is going to update the Tax Collector/Treasurer/GA job description and have that ready for next Selectmen’s Meeting for their approval.
6. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman:** Betsy shared with selectmen the information on the new laws that have been passed and enacted as of September 19, 2019. The first one is a new form called Burial Authorization form. If someone is burying cremated remains in a public cemetery then this form must be filled out by an authority in the municipality where the cemetery is located and sent to the State within 7 days. This form requires the authorized person to fill in what lot or location that person will be buried. This should help with the cemetery organization dilemma that we have been discussing for the last few weeks. The other law that has been passed is to allow Municipalities to increase their agent fees by a dollar for motor vehicle registrations. Rob Elliott made the motion to adopt the new agent fee increase of \$1 for Renewals and New Registrations. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Duayne said they have

started hauling winter sand and that they will need roughly 2000 yards. They are hoping to finish ditching next week. Andy will look into the cost to hire an extra truck or two to help haul winter sand.

7. **Selectmen's Reports:** Rod Cook said that Robert Scamman rented the FMB for the past week including an extra couple days. He was charged the \$50 per day rate and has paid his bill. Jim Burrill would like to look into the cost of solar panels with AVCOG. Jim thanked Duayne and the fire department for all they did on a very bad day in Farmington. Rod Spiller said he will be sitting down with Rupert Pratt and Dick Worthley regarding the Cemetery funding and responsibilities. Andy said that Joe Paradis came to work on bucket loader. The cost is going to be much higher than originally estimated. Parts will now be \$3,200 with line boring costs coming in at \$3,000. Andy would like to see it repaired correctly the first time around with hope of longevity. Andy passed around the various applications received for both part time and full time highway crew positions. After some discussion it was decided that Duayne and Andy would meet and go over applications and bring recommendations of who they would like to interview to the next Selectmen's Meeting. Andy would like Selectmen to come in prior to their review to look at additional applications that might come in over the next couple weeks.
Jim Burrill made a motion to adjourn. Rod Cook 2nd and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk