**TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES**

**October 22, 2019 – 6pm**

1. **Call meeting to order – flag salute**: Rob Elliott called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order with flag salute at 6pm.
2. **Board Member Attendance Recognized**: Rob Elliott, Andy Pratt, Jim Burrill, Rodney Cook, and Rodney Spiller. Others Attending: Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Duayne Boyd, Keith Dubuc, and Valerie Tucker.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 10/08/2019**: Rod Spiller made a motion to approve minutes from the 10/08/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 10/24/2019 for $138,761.81:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 10/24/2019 for $138,761.81. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Highway Position:** Andy Pratt stated that he and Duayne made the decision to hire Keith Dubuc for the full time highway position @$16.50 per hour with a six-month review upon approval from the board of selectmen. Rob Elliott made a motion to hire Keith Dubuc for the full time highway position at a rate of $16.50 per hour. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Keith will work a 2 week notice for his current employer.
6. **Boston Post Cane:** Jim Burrill made a motion to accept Edith May Byrne as the next Boston Post Cane recipient if she accepts. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Andy will contact her son, Jim Byrne to see if his mom is willing to accept the Boston Post Cane Award.
7. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman**: Sandy shared with the Selectmen that the State would like us to make a motion with specific wording to accept the fee increases for agent fees which was passed recently by State of Maine legislators. Andy Pratt made a motion to adopt the new agent fees that is within limits shown in legislative actions. Rod Spiller 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Duayne said the sand is all put up, and trucks are getting inspected and ready for the winter
8. **Selectmen’s Reports**: Rod Cook said the carpet tiles for the Town Office have been ordered. The windows have also been ordered. He expects both to be delivered in 2-3 weeks. Rod Cook said he also ordered a delivery of pellets for the town office. The furnaces were serviced in April so we should be ok to fire up the pellet boiler when ready. Andy Pratt said that he has contacted Pete Durrell for the mowing on the landfill. Pete has finished mowing for the season but will put us on the schedule for next summer around July or August. Rob Elliott said they met with the people on the corner of N. Main and West Freeman Road regarding the clean-up of their property. They said they would clean it up. Rob had to go speak with them a 2nd time after there was another incident with a truck being parked in the roadway making it difficult for another vehicle to make the corner. He told them that if they didn’t want to clean it up then it would come to legal action with the town. Since that 2nd discussion he has seen several pick up loads being moved. He said he will monitor their progress and if necessary, call a special meeting to start legal action which will cost the town money. Rod Spiller said he is concerned over keeping the current population and businesses in town, if properties are not maintained. Andy referenced a letter sent to all selectmen voicing safety concerns over the vehicles in the roadway. Rob said he has talked to them and told them the steps Selectmen are taking. Rod Spiller said this was the first complaint they had received in writing, but he wanted to go on record as having received numerous verbal complaints and phone calls regarding this property. Rob asked about the legion signs that still need to be taken down and stored. Andy said he would like to make a rack to hold them all, and talk with Duayne about possible storage space at the garage. Rod Spiller said he would like to see people who use the field be involved in that process. Duayne said the new truck has been delivered to Howard Fairfield to install the plow equipment. They were given a tentative delivery date of December 20th.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk