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

**January 14, 2020 – 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; Rodney Spiller absent. Others Attending: Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Duayne Boyd, Valerie Tucker. Mike Pond, Alan Smith, and Terry Kenniston
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 12/17/2019**: Rod Cook made a motion to approve minutes from the 12/17/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 1/16/2020 for $13,089.90:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 1/16/2020 for $13,089.90. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Broadband Regional Meeting:** Jim Burrill made the selectmen aware that there will be a meeting to update area towns on faster Broadband in the region. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29th at 10am at the Avon town office. Jim said he and Rob E. plan to attend.
6. **Drug and Alcohol Policy:** Andy informed the selectmen about a change to the drug and alcohol policy. We have been mandated by the Federal DOT/Safety Bureau to be part of a central database for all CDL drivers. The purpose of this database would be to help keep employers and future employers aware of any testing failures on the part of their drivers. This would require any employee of the town with a CDL license to sign a waiver that their information be part of this central database. He suggested that our personnel policy be adjusted to reflect the requirement of signing the waiver.
7. **Budget:** The selectmen went through the budget line by line. Jim Burrill made a motion to raise and appropriate the following: Administration $71,000; Town Charges $24,000; Assessing $7,000; Legal $2,500; Code Enforcement $3,500 for Total General Govt. $108,000

Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Jim Burrill made a motion to raise and appropriate $3,500 for Dedicated Technology. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Rob Elliott made a motion to raise and appropriate the following: Fire Department Payroll $18,500; FD Operating $16,500; FD Equipment $14,000; Fire Truck Reserve $20,000. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Rob Elliott made a motion to raise and appropriate the following for public safety accounts: Ambulance $14,381; Hydrants $32,027; Street Lights $9,000; Animal Control $4,250. Andy Pratt 2nd and all voted in favor. Jim Burrill made a motion to raise and appropriate $72,000 for Insurance. Rod Cook 2nd and all voted in favor. Jim Burrill made a motion to raise and appropriate the following: Solid Waste $8,500; General Assistance $500. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Rob Elliott made a motion to raise and appropriate $10,000 for the Library. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Rob Elliott made a motion to raise and appropriate $2,500 for Tennis Court. Jim Burrill 2nd and all voted in favor. Rob Elliott made a motion to raise and appropriate Animal Shelter $2,668.60; Cemeteries $500; Payroll Taxes $18,000. Rod Cook 2nd and all voted in favor. Jim Burrill made a motion to raise and appropriate $2,000 for Parade/Community Events. Rob Elliott 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Andy Pratt made a motion that in the event that Andy Pratt is not available to sign the loan papers for the 2020 Western Star 4700 that Rob Elliott could sign. Jim Burrill 2nd and all voted in favor. The rest of the accounts including Town Park, Recreation, Highway, Public Works, Wheeler, Pond Road, and Forster Memorial will be discussed next week.

1. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman**: Betsy updated the selectmen on the TRIO SQL transition. We now have several dates of installment, training, and testing. On January 23rd TRIO will install a play database for testing and training purposes. On February 3rd the office will close at 3pm for training. Following a couple weeks of testing and training, the office will Go Live on February 24th with the final installation and will need to open about a half hour late.
2. **Selectmen’s Reports**: **Rod Cook** said that VerTran told him the parts for the lift are no longer available. One option would be to have a company out of Skowhegan attempt a rebuild of the motor. Just to open it would be $2,600 with a ballpark repair figure of $5,000. A replacement lift would be between $45,000 and $55,000 and the Fire Marshall might not allow it because of the size of the stairwell. Rod will be looking into that further. **Andy Pratt** said thathe and Duayne just finished some repairs on the hub of the western star. He suggests they invest in a torque wrench to have available at the town garage for future repairs. Andy said that he, Duayne and Keith would be attending a 2-hour Air Brake Certification course put on at no cost by NAPA. **Rob Elliott** reminded everyone of the dates of the upcoming Municipal Election March 20, 2020 from 1-6pm and Town Meeting at 9:30am on March 21, 2020. A draft of the warrant articles was handed out. Rob asked selectmen to read over and be thinking about what articles need to be removed and added. He reminded selectmen that they would need to decide on a dedication for the Town Report. Department Reports need to be in by the end of January. He said he will make some phone calls regarding the public lunch, moderator, and invocation for Town Meeting.

Rod Cook made a motion to adjourn. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk