

TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2020 – 6pm

1. **Call meeting to order:** Rob Elliott called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order at 6pm.
 2. **Board Member Attendance Recognized:** Present: Rob Elliott, Andy Pratt, Jim Burrill, and Dick Worthley. Absent: Rod Cook (vacation). Others Attending: Bob Worthley, Betsy DuBois, and Duayne Boyd.
 3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 7/21/2020:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve minutes from the 7/21/2020 selectmen’s meeting. Dick Worthley 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
 4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 7/30/2020 for \$9,143.54:** Dick W. made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 7/30/2020 for \$9,143.54. Andy P. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
 5. **Schedule for Commitment/Tax Bills:** Assessor, Bob Worthley, proposed that selectmen meet immediately following the Town Meeting to set the tax rate. He would then be able to prepare the commitment to be signed at the next scheduled Selectmen’s meeting following Town Meeting on August 25th. He will prepare as much ahead of time as possible so that he can have Tax Bills ready to go out on August 26th. Bob presented tax exempt status request to the Selectmen for their approval for the former Beal’s Store property, now owned by the Nazarene Church. Andy Pratt made a motion to approve the property tax exemption for the Strong Church of the Nazarene DBA Faith Works for the property at 46 North Main Street (formerly Beal’s store) as a charitable and benevolent organization in accordance with 36 M.R.S. Section 652 (1) A. Jim B. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (4-0).
 6. **Approve and Sign Warrant for annual town meeting:** Rob E. made a motion to approve and sign the warrant for the Strong Annual Town Meeting on August 15, 2020. Jim B. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (4-0).
 7. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman:** Betsy has contacted Paul Mills and he is willing to act as Moderator for the town meeting. Duayne said that Selectmen will need to hire someone to do roadside mowing. Andy will contact other towns to see who they are hiring to mow. Duayne suggested a rental through Howard Fairfield.
 8. **Selectmen’s Reports:** Andy P. said he has contacted Hunter York regarding a handicap accessible portable toilet for the town meeting. Hunter doesn’t have one. Andy has left messages with two other companies and is waiting for a return call. Andy said that he and Duayne have been working with a citizen on Pillsbury Road regarding ditching and is hoping to set up a time for them all to talk about the issues. Andy said that he and Duayne are working on repairs to the backhoe. Rob said that he will be going to the Park to assess what needs to be repaired and then prioritizing and making those repairs according to the Recreation budget. He will be contacting tree removal service to get prices.
- Dick made a motion to adjourn. Jim B. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk