

TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020 @6:00pm

1. **Call meeting to order – flag salute:** Rob E. called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order with a flag salute at 6:00pm.
2. **Board Member Attendance Recognized:** Present in person: Rob Elliott, Jim Burrill, Rodney Cook, and Dick Worthley. Present via Zoom: Andy Pratt. Others Attending: Betsy DuBois and Duayne Boyd.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 11/10/2020:** Jim B. made a motion to approve minutes from the 11/10/2020 selectmen’s meeting. Dick W. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 12/10/2020 for \$13,257.48:** Dick W. made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 12/10/2020 for \$13,257.48. Jim B. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
5. **Motion to Approve Signed Supplemental Tax Bill:** Jim B. made a motion to approve the Supplemental Tax Bill signed last week. Rob E. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
6. **Sign Auditor Engagement Letter:** Jim B. made a motion to have Chairman, Rob E. sign the Auditor Engagement letter with RHR Smith and Company. Rod C. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
7. **Budget 2021:** Jim B. made a motion to go with MMA POS 200 for Employee Health Insurance for 2021 (no cost increase this year) with employee contributions remaining the same @\$73.11 per employee per month. Rob E. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
8. **Custodian:** Selectmen discussed the applications that have been received for the position of custodian. Jim B. made a motion to authorize Rob E. to offer the position to candidate A for \$15.00 per hour. Rod C. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0).
9. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman:** Rob E. made a motion to close the town office on December 24th and to close early on December 31st for fiscal year end work. Dick W. 2nd the motion and all voted in favor (5-0). Betsy said that we have several positions coming up for the next municipal election. Two selectmen positions 3 year terms; one school board member 3 year term; one budget committee member 2 year term; two budget committee members 6 year terms. Nomination papers are available in the Town office. Papers must be returned by January 19th. Duayne received a call regarding emergency shelter for the town of Strong from a caseworker at FMH. The Forster Memorial Building is considered the Emergency Shelter for the Town of Strong, but is currently closed to the public because of the pandemic. Dick will contact the CDC regarding this potential conflict. Rob will contact our Health Officer, Mary Dexter.
10. **Selectmen’s Reports:** Selectmen congratulated Rod C. on the new Christmas lights that went up recently. A thank you to Mike Carleton and his IEC crew for getting those installed. Rod mentioned that he still has no satisfactory answer from the flooring company. Selectmen asked him to bring in the paperwork and contract information in so they could make some additional phone calls and possibly take legal action. Rob would like to look into making the Park and Recreation account a dedicated account to carry over the balances. He noted due to COVID they didn’t get to do the work there as anticipated. It was suggested MMA be contacted to see if

selectmen could vote to do this or if it had to be before a town meeting. They will wait to make a motion on this until more research can be done.

Jim Burrill made a motion to adjourn. Rod C. 2nd and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Betsy Dubois, Clerk