

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022

James Burrill called the Select Board's Meeting to order with a flag salute at 6 p.m.

Select Board Members in attendance were Richard Worthley, James Burrill and Andrew Bracy.

Andrew Bracy made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 10/10/2022, 11/01/2022 and 11/08/2022, seconded by Richard Worthley and all voted unanimously.

Richard Worthley motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 11/22/2022 for \$12139.05 Andrew Bracy seconded, and all voted unanimously.

New Business

- Robert Stevens: Motion made by Richard Worthley to hire Robert Stevens as Strong's Assessor for \$8,400 annually. Motion seconded by James Burrill, all voted unanimously. Mr. Stevens will start on November 29, 2022. In the future he may take on the E911 officer.
- Health Insurance Employee's health insurance has increased from \$1,086.26 to \$1,135.09, an increase of \$48.83.
- Employees pay raises; until a full board is in attendance pay raises are for discussion. Inflation is up to at least 8%. And discussion went from paying health insurance 100% and having small raises, to leaving the insurance as is and the town will pay for the increase and have higher raises, etc.
- Town Meeting Election is on Friday March 17, 2023, the nomination papers for 2 Selectmen, 3 School Board and 3 Budget committee will be available on December 6th. James Burrill made a motion to have Richard Worthley write the dedication for the annual report, seconded by Andrew all voted unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Contract with Franklin County Commissioners for UT coverage. Duayne has not heard anything.
- Shurtleff E911 address. canceled is unable to attend at this time.
- Warming Place Contract is vague and there needs to be parameters, so we know what we are getting into. Raylene will email and ask for more information. Richard Worthley commented we should put in the budget for one of the large generators that you do not have to put fuel in every 8 hours and start it manually.

Public Comment none

Treasurer Report none

Clerk Report none

Public Works Report Duayne updated what he is dealing with trying to get pellets delivered. Duayne will go look at where the light pole is going to be. Richard Worthley made a motion to have James Burrill sign the necessary form for CMP pole, seconded by Andrew Bracy all voted unanimously.

Selectmen's Reports

Gerald Pond Jr. Absent

Adrew Bracy The building has been inspected and doors are on order. Andrew was asked if the pellet stove is ready to go, it is all set it has been repaired just needs is to be fired up.

Richard Worthley: none

Milton Baston Absent

James Burrill Pierpole days committee is having a tree lighting on the 3rd and a hall of trees on the 12th. They asked if it would be ok to leave the trees in the hall until New Years, James told them it would be fine.

Richard Worthley made a motion to adjourn, Andrew Bracy seconded, and all voted in favor.

Adjourned 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk