

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 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 James Burrill, Gerald Pond Jr., Milton Baston and Andrew Bracy.

Andrew Bracy made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 11/22/2022, seconded by Gerald Pond Jr., all voted unanimously.

Gerald Pond Jr motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 12/13/2022 for \$16,713.27, Milton Baston seconded, all voted unanimously.

New Business

- Health Insurance & Employees pay raises; Employee's health insurance has increased from \$1,086.21 to \$1,135.09, an increase of \$48.88. Milton Baston made a motion to give the employees a 5% raise plus the employees pay half of the insurance increase. Gerald Pond Jr. seconded the motion. Discussion for clarification that the employees' monthly cost of insurance increases from \$73.11 to \$97.55. The employees' salaries will be increased by 5%. Motion passed 3 to 1.
- The janitor has given her resignation last day will be December 21, 2022. James Burrill made a motion to accept Justine's resignation, seconded by Milton Baston, and all voted unanimously. Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion to put an AD for a part-time position between 10 to 15 hours weekly for snow removal and janitorial work at the Forster Memorial Building. Motion seconded by Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion to amend the motion to pay up to \$16.50. Milt Baston seconded the motion. All voted unanimously.
- Liability Insurance Gerald Pond Jr has been working with Maria, all buildings are underinsured. There is no insurance on the Legion Building and all monuments do not have insurance. Mike made a motion to insure the Legion Building for \$150,000. Milton Baston seconded the motion, and all voted unanimously. Leave the values of the buildings at what they are.
- Telephone

Unfinished Business

- Contract with Franklin County Commissioners for UT coverage. Amy from the Franklin County Commissioners will make the adjustments requested and then send it back to the Town. How much will the Town of Strong charge for covering the portion of Salem Twp which was requested by the Franklin County Commissioners? \$31,000 annually.

- Warming Place. Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion not to have a warming place at the Forster Memorial Building Andrew Bracy seconded and all voted unanimously.
- Public Comment none
- Treasurer Report the Town has 3 foreclosures, Right to Cures will be mailed out. Christmas is on the weekend, so the holiday falls on the following Monday. Monday is our busiest day with payroll, bills, weekly BMV reports, etc. may we take Friday as the holiday and work on Monday? No objections from the Select Board.
- Clerk Report none
- Public Works Report The pellet boiler was up and running for a couple of days. The gasket is going in the 1983 Grader, the only way to get parts is from a junkyard and get something that is close and rebuild to work. Gerald Pond Jr. suggested Duayne start looking for a used Grader to see what is available and prices. Summer Roads has funds will Winter Roads will be over. may the funds be transferred. Yes, the accounts are under the same fund.
- Selectmen's Reports
- James Burrill asked all department budgets before the next meeting on December 27, 2022. Also, any town reports from committees or departments please be submitted by the end of January. Richard Worthley is working on the dedication.
- Gerald Pond Jr. None
- Andrew Bracy The pellet boiler is down again, the silo and shoot are fine; Gerald Pond Jr. suggests that Andrew Bracy call MESYS for a price and bring it back to see if there is any money in the ARBA funds.
- Richard Worthley: Absent
- Milton Baston-The librarian has submitted a request for some storage of library supplies and books; the funds would come from the 2023 budget no objection from any of the Select Board.
- James Burrill 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