

Town of Strong  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
December 27, 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.

Milton Baston made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 12/13/2022, seconded by Andrew Bracy, all voted unanimously.

Gerald Pond Jr motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 12/28/2022 for \$20,090.26 Milton Baston seconded, all voted unanimously.

**New Business**

• Budget preliminary figures:

Emergency Fund	3,500	
Administration	92,000	
Town charges	31,000	
Assessing	9,000	
Legal fees	2,000	
Code Enforcement	3,500	
Town Office Ded Tech	5,000	
Streetlights	9,000	
Landfill & Solid Waste	9,000	
General Assistance	500	
Winter Roads	93,750	
Roads/Bridges	84,555	
Town Garage	16,500	
Equipment Oper	55,000	
Special Equipment	25,000	
Western Star payment	29,338	
Am. Legion Mortgage	5,000	New line needed
Tennis Court remaining funds of \$22,600 is for appraisals, architect plans and legal expenses		
Library	10,000	
Cemeteries	500	
Payroll Fringe	19,500	
Community Events	2,500	
Christmas Lights	3,500	
Economic Ministry	2,500	
Faith Works	2,500	New line needed

- Janitor: There was only one application, Daniel Harnden. Andrew Bracy is calling Daniel to meet with him and James Burrill on Thursday. December 29.

## *Unfinished Business*

- Contract with Franklin County Commissioners for UT coverage. Amy from the county commissioners spoke with Maria and stated that this contract should have been signed in October, it is for the last 2 payments of their fiscal year. Milton Baston asked if the changes requested had been made, they had been. Gerald Pond Jr. with the provision that the contract they are signing will end as of October 1, 2023. Seconded by Andrew Bracy, all voted unanimously.
- Personal Policy: the amount of the insurance buy out is currently \$5,000, paid out weekly \$96.15. Andrew Bracy made a motion to increase the \$5,000 to \$8,000 and adjust the weekly amount to \$153.85. Milton Baston seconded the motion, all voted unanimously.  
Holiday Pay: the office help receives 112 hours for holidays, public works personnel receive 130 hours for holidays. Raylene asked if the select board would consider doing something for the office employees. Andrew Bracy made a motion to pay the office employees for the 18 hours at their current rate. Milton Baston seconded the motion, motion carried 3 to 1.
- Public Comment
- Treasurer Report
- Clerk Report Raylene has been working with Doug Beck on the letter to submit for a grant to complete the conversion process. This will be put on the agenda for the January 10 meeting.
- Public Works Report, Gerald Pond Jr. would like an article added to the warrant to purchase funds to purchase a grader. The remaining funds for special equipment could be used for this purchase. Duayne Boyd shared the letter from Avon concerning the amount Strong would receive for the Fire Department, the amount requested from them is \$9,000 Avon wants to decrease the amount to \$4,500. At the beginning of W Freeman Rd, the lady comes out and stands at the edge of the road so we cannot clean the edge of the road, plus she still has stuff in the towns right away. Milton Baston will write a letter to her.
- Selectmen's Reports
- James Burrill none
- Gerald Pond Jr. none
- Milt Baston none
- Andrew Bracy made several calls to see about getting the pellet boiler working or a price for new.
- Milton Baston made a motion to adjourn, Gerald Pond Jr. seconded, and all voted in favor.

Adjourned 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*  
Town Clerk