

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2023

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, Richard Worthley, Milton Baston, Andrew Bracy and Gerald Pond Jr.

Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from 2/14/2023. Seconded by Milton Baston, the vote was unanimous.

Milton Baston motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 03/01/2023 for \$22,618.91. Andrew Bracy seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Richard Worthley motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 03/08/2023 for \$112,016.94. Gerald Pond Jr. seconded; the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Grader invoice was received today for \$15,220 without any breakdown of parts and labor. Duayne has asked for the breakdown. Article 28 asks for \$25,000 for the equipment operating fund to rebuild the grader, however the funds will not be available until March 18th, if approved. The invoice for repairs to the grader will have to wait to be paid after the Town Meeting.

Unfinished Business

\$50,000 Small Business Grant for Valley Brook. Valley Brook has lowered their request for the town to apply for \$50,000 instead of \$100,000. Thomas Marcotte confirmed that the septic is not a failed septic, therefore the select board has the choice to do or not to do a grant. The select board had given their response previously and it is the same.

Public Comment: none

Treasurers Report ARPA report needs to be done by April 30, 2023.

Clerk Report none

Public Works Milton Baston asked if the Town signs a Mutual Aid Agreement each year Gerald Pond Jr. responded yes. Emergency Management Officer: does Duayne do this, Gerald Pond Jr. said he does until someone else comes.

Select Board Report

Gerald Pond Jr: suggested that the town should have committees, for example, park, beach, ballfield, Christmas lights, etc. The new selectmen need to learn that coming to meetings and making decisions is not all they do. The selectmen are responsibility for many things. When there is a shift in selectmen previous thing sometimes do not get completed.

Richard Worthley: believes that an administrative position for scheduling and organizing the ball field and for all other recreational.

Andrew Bracy: Andrew would like to keep the Forster Building; he is getting things done and would like to see it to the end. Andrew has also been trying to find a solution to the pellet boiler. Maybe getting some more heat pumps and using the oil furnace for extreme weather. The oil furnace is in good condition.

Milton Baston: Milton Baston doesn't know if the town's obligation is completed from the grant for the pellet stove.

James Burrill: none

Motion to adjourn by Richard Worthley

Adjourned 6:37 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk