

Town of Strong
Select Board Budget Workshop Minutes
January 17, 2023

James Burrill called for the Select Board's Budget Workshop to convene at 6:00 PM

Select Board Members in attendance were James Burrill, Gerald Pond Jr., Richard Worthley, Milton Baston and Andrew Bracy.

- Fire Department budget will be determined next week, hopefully we can get more information from Avon. Avon usually pays \$9,000 annually, but this year they want to pay \$4,500.
- Public Works Budget: equipment fund is not determined, a new warrant article for the purchase of a used grader cost \$90,000 to \$140,000.
- Richard Worthley made a motion to raise the hourly rate for part-time drivers to \$18.50. Seconded by Gerald Pond Jr., all voted unanimously. Maria asked when it started, and the answer was today.
- Milton Baston asked the reason the Town Garage was raised from \$14,500 to \$16,500. The reason being some work needs to be done, as in the siding, doors, plus an increase in electricity and fuel prices.
- Andrew Bracy calculated the cost of what needs to be fixed, in the total of \$7,000 extra needed.
- Forster Building Maintenance should be a designated account (remaining balance should be carried forward), this allows money to be accumulated for big projects.

- Budget figures:

Hydrants	32,027
Streetlights	10,000
Forster Building	32,000
Forster Building Maintenance	4,000

- An article needs to be written for the possibility of purchasing a grader.
- Another topic that should be discussed is the Paving of True Hill.

Milton Baston motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrew Bracy. All in favor.

Adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk