

# Town of Strong

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

### March 14, 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.

Milton Baston made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from 2/7/2023. Seconded by Andrew Bracy, the vote was unanimous.

Richard Worthley motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 03/15/2023 for \$17,411.77. Andrew Bracy seconded; the vote was unanimous.

### ***New Business***

Marc Edwards (Legion Field) When my family and I moved to Strong we attended the Sandy River Festival, it was a great time. I believe it was the last one. Marc would like to bring the festival, he has done some groundwork; MRCM will donate \$3,000 and Marc's time, UMaine Farmington's Maineley Outdoors will provide a free shuttle and a limited number of canes/kayaks, to paddle the Sandy from Strong to Fairbanks. Also planning to have music, story tellers, fly rod casting, fly tying and more. Marc would like to set a date for the festival and the use of the field, with the town's approval. Marc has talked to Roger Lambert, Mike Carlton and Duayne Boyd. Also has been speaking with Darryl Wood at Leap about making the event universal for all available. Marc would like to set the date for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion to allow Marc to proceed with the event on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Milton Baston seconded, all voted in favor.

Milton Baston commented there us to be a chart in the office to schedule the use of the ballfield and the Forster Memorial Building on a first come first serve bases.

Cemetery Richard Worthley would like to see the cemetery stay as nice as it has been. Richard Worthley would like to contact Albert to do the stone repairs, for \$7,000. Albert has all the materials and tools. Richard would like to meet with the new liaison. Texting works good to reach him. Milton Baston made a motion to allow Richard to contact Albert, Seconded by Andrew Bracy, all voted in favor. Paul Gardner has been the town's sexton, he is a great resource, he has a map of the Cemetery. Gerald Pond Jr has contacted David Adams to see if he is still willing to mow the cemetery, it is all set.

### ***Unfinished Business***

#### Town Meeting Plan

- Grade Invoice, has come in at \$15,220 with itemizing parts and labor. Article 28 asked for \$25k, Gerald Pond will make a motion to lower to \$15,220 and will respond to questions.
- Fire Department Articles 20, 21 & 22 , question about Avon will be addressed by Milton or Duayne,

Pressure Washer: Maria would like some clarification on the accounts the funds are coming from, Gerald Pond Jr. made a motion to pay for the pressure washer of \$4,164.36 by taking \$1,500 from special tools account and the remaining from equipment and operation. James seconded. All voted in favor.

Bill from Town of Farmington for use of their Transfer Station has come in with an increase due to the population Farmington is using, Maria is in contact with them to make the correction.

**Public Comment:** Phillip Richards II is concerned that having approximately 80 acres cut and hauled over a newly paved road may damage the road, Phillip wanted to inform the Select Board. Gerald Pond Jr. and Milton Baston thanked Phillip for the information.

**Treasurers Report** None

**Clerk Report** None

**Public Works** None

**Select Board Report**

**James Burrill:** Friday after the votes are counted I will be here to help take the booths down and set up for Saturday. If anyone that would like to help

**Gerald Pond Jr:** At the meeting Gerald Pond Jr. will make a motion to take the remaining balance of the Truck loan from surplus.

**Richard Worthley:** None

**Andrew Bracy:** Working on Fire Marshall Report, it is coming along. New Doors have been hung.

**Milton Baston:** None

Motion to adjourn by Gerald Pond Jr.

Adjourned 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*  
Town Clerk