

Town of Strong  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2023

Milton Baston called the Select Board's Meeting to order with a flag salute at 6 p.m.

Select Board Members in attendance were Milton Baston, Andrew Bracy, David Catino and Joel Doyon. James Burrill was absent.

Andrew Bracy made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 04/11/2023 seconded by Joel Doyon, all voted unanimously.

Andrew Bracy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 04/26/2023 for \$ 5,041.64. David Catino seconded; the vote was unanimous.

**New Business**

**Snowmobile/ATV access to Strong** John Evans was unaware the West Freeman Road property was taken for back taxes; this property is the main access for ATVs and Snowmobiles to the north and east. The Salem Club is working on connecting this access to Kingfield. 40% of Franklin County revenue comes from recreation. Milton Baston asked if this access was lost how would it effect the clubs, John Evans commented 1/3 of the snowmobile and ATV access would be gone. 1/3 comes up from Farmington and 1/3 from the access at Gilkey Brook. Joel Doyon made a motion to delay putting the West Freeman Road property up for bid until next year's Town Meeting, allowing the ATV and Snowmobile clubs to maintain and utilize the property. Seconded by Andrew Bracy. The vote was unanimous.

**Mutual Aid agreement with the County for Salem Township** The description of area to be covered and the dollar amount has been corrected in the contract. David Catino made a motion to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Franklin County for the unorganized territory of Salem Township, which will take effect as of July 1, 2023. Seconded by Joel, the vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business**

**Foreclosure Bid process and dates** Put the bids out for 30 days, Select Board meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> would be greater than 30 days to receive the bids. Mike Pond asked to speak, he wanted to share how the previous Select Board handled foreclosures, an auctioneer was hired who handed everything for the town. Milton Baston made a motion to wait on putting the property out to bid and contacting an auctioneer. Andrew Bracy seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**Public Comment:** John Evans asked for permission for the ATV club to do roadside clean up. Everyone agreed.

**Treasurers Report** None

**Clerk Report** Only thing is the legislative bulletin, due to timing of getting the bulletin would everyone like to receive it by email.

**Public Works** Cleaning cemeteries: can Smy and Spy be hired to help clean up the cemeteries. Andrew Bracy will check on a price.

**Fire Department** None

**Select Board Report**

**Joel Doyon:** Cleaning at the park is going well, Sandy River Festival meetings are going well, I will be putting a copy of the Town of Waterford newly adopted Yard Sale Ordinance in the select boards mailboxes. I will be putting it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**David Catino:** Will be resigning from Planning Board. Collaboratively the Park liaison and assistant liaison are inquiring who made the picnic tables last year and how much they were. Last year Kerry Reed made them and charged \$100 apiece.

**Andrew Bracy:** Raylene and I finished clearing a space for the American Legion to store their belongings. Charles Snell and I will set a date for the items to be moved to the Forster Memorial Building. I will help them move them.

**Milton Baston:** Baseball season, Kal Ripken will be using the field, t-ball numbers are down, and the Kal Ripken insurance will not cover them, Strong is the only town doing t-ball and it will be skills only. Wondering if the Town insurance would cover them. Andrew Pratt said he will fix the Pitcher's mound. Mike Pond reminded everyone that selling the signs at the park is to raise money for future needs, as in benches for the teams.

Avon is stuck on the \$4,500, Strong had 4 calls. Look back 10 years of records and it averaged 4.4 calls. \$1023 per call. Phillips had 37 calls for \$39,000, 1054. per call.

Joel Doyon motion Strong will accept \$4,500 for up to 4 calls and each call thereafter will be \$1,022; retracted. David Cation made a motion to enter into a one-year emergency protection agreement for \$6,750 with Avon. Andrew Bracy seconded the motion. Ater discussion motion amended to enter into a one-year emergency protection agreement for \$6,750 with Avon; if Avon doesn't accept, renegotiate for \$4,500 for up to 4 calls and each call thereafter will be \$1,022. Seconded by Joel Doyon, all voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Bracy

Adjourned 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*  
Town Clerk