

# Town of Strong

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

### May 9, 2023

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

All Select Board Members were present. James Burrill, Milton Baston, Andrew Bracy, David Catino and Joel Doyon.

David Catino made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 04/25/2023 with the following corrections: Milton Baston call the Select Board's meeting to order, under public works change I and Spy to Smy and Spy, the picnic tables are \$100.00 apiece not \$200.00, and Strong had 4 calls not 7. All voted in favor.

Andrew Bracy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 05/10/2023 for \$ 23,719.41. Milton Baston seconded; the vote was unanimous.

### **New Business**

**Superintendent Todd Sanders** presented the MSAD 58 Budget. The overall budget proposal is an increase of 14%.

**Zach Gosselin concerning AVCOG grants** There are 2 pools of State funds that up to 5 towns may participate in. These funds are none matching and at this point all the Town needs to do is send a letter of support for AVCOG to assist the Town to apply for these grants. Milton Baston asked if there is a template for the letter of support, Zach will email the template to the 2023Selectmen email address. David Catino asked if there are any cost to the town, Zach responded only if you go over the \$50,000.

**CEO information concerning miscellaneous nuisance, dangerous buildings, and junk yards (automobile graveyards)** Milton Baston contacted Thomas Marcotte and Tom put together a packet of laws for the select board. The Select Board has a lot of power when it comes to this stuff. Tom can do what they ask of him, he will give notice of violation if instructed to do so. Most often it takes quite some time and will end up in court. Joel made a motion for Thomas Marcotte to start the enforcement process and give notice of violations to occupants of 8 West Freeman Rd.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Auction for South Strong Property** Milton Baston will be contacting an auctioneer.

**Public Comment:** June Flagg expressed concern about the amount of trash that has gone down the brook from the house on the corner. After the last flood the Boy Scouts went down the sides of said brook and picked up a lot of trash.

**Treasurers Report** None

**Clerk Report** Warrant for the MSAD 58 referendum election needs to be signed by the Select Board. Milton Baston made a motion for the Select Board to sign the warrants. Seconded by Andrew Bracy. All voted in favor.

**Public Works** We have nuisance beavers on Harwell Road, Duayne called IF&W. They recommend for the Town to hire off season trappers. David motioned for Duayne to hire an off-season trapper, seconded by Milton Baston,

**Fire Department** Flags were put up on the telephone poles, many flags were worn out. Should it be every year at the Town Meeting to ask for donations? David Catino offered to put something out on Facebook asking for donations.

**Select Board Report**

**Joel Doyon** : Would like to thank the public works and fire department for their response to rain damage. The footings at the bridge and the cement pad under the picnic table have been undermined by the rain. Who is responsible for getting them repaired?

**David Catino:** porta potties, 1 for park and 2 for legion field until the end of little league season, then 1 is removed. Digital sign, I would like to put a tv in the window behind Raylene. I would like to work on that if it is favorable to everyone.

**Andrew Bracy:** none

**Milton Baston:** Milton tried to contact the Avon Town office to be put on their next meeting, he left a message but has not heard anything back. The State Bureau of Taxation needs reports from the Assessor Agent, Milton Baston has left a message for the Agent.

Motion to adjourn by Milton Baston, seconded by Joel Doyon.

Adjourned 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*  
Town Clerk