

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023

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

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

Milton Baston made a motion to accept the Select Board Minutes from 06/15/2023, seconded by Joel. All voted in favor.

Andrew Bracy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 06/28/2023 for \$ 29,599.81, David Catino seconded; the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Bids for Landfill there are 2 bids for the mowing and bush hogging the land fill once in the spring and once in the fall: Sunrise Lawn Care for \$2,800 and Kendall Landscaping for \$1,400. Joel made a motion to accept Kendall Landscaping bid for \$1,400 (\$700 for spring and \$700 for fall). James seconded the motion, passed, 4 to 1.

Maine High Peak, Wildlife Refuge. There is a meeting tomorrow evening, if interested James has the information. High Peaks is concerned that 200 thousand acres may not be accessible due to restrictions on the land.

Unfinished Business

Protection Agreement with Avon – Milton Baston has not received anything from Avon. He will email Mr. Gillcrest and see what he receives for a response.

Public Comment. None

Treasurers Report: None

Clerk Report respond from Doug Beck

Raylene, I am receiving your emails and attachments. NPS is rebuilding their capacity to resolve compliance issues, but they won't be up and running until later this year. In the meantime, we can proceed with the conversion steps and build the application. The next step for the town will be to have yellow book level appraisals performed, and a review appraisal, for the parcels. Have I shared with you all the guidance for this work? Doug

I responded with what information I had and the response I got was he is on vacation until the 5th Milton asked Raylene to make copies of the information.

Just a reminder AVCOG, if any grant is applied for or received for use on the Legion property the grant will be gone.

Public Works None

Fire Department None

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Joel Doyon: None

David Catino: David has put the protective covers on the fence at the ball field. The picnic tables have been picked up. One of the tables does not have a roof over it, for next year's budget look for bids to protect the table. David was asked about a kayak rack for the beach. Consensus was the town would not supply one and it would be a liability to the town and loss of space.

Andrew Bracy: Septic Cluster needs mowing, in the past it has been mowed by one of the residents connected to the septic cluster. Andrew has asked Maria to contact them to see if they are going to mow this year.

Milton Baston: Sout Strong Property; does the \$300 cover the cost of the appraisal of the personal items? Maria confirmed it did. ARPA funds: The amount committed for the broadband of \$60k, how long are the funds held and what progress has been made? Broadband is being installed on Taylor Road, so what is there to study or research? Who was the gentleman that spoke at the Town Meeting. Raylene will look into this.

James Burrill: The annual Methodist Community Calendar billing come in; Pier Pole Days will be added to the Calendar.

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

Adjourned 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk