

**Town of Strong, Maine**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Town Office: 14 S. Main St. Strong, ME 04983

6PM

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**Call to Order and Attendance**

- Meeting called to order by Andrew Bracy.
- **Select Board Members Present:** Andrew Bracy, Joel Doyon, Jim Burrill, David Catino.
- **Absent:** Chair Rupert Pratt
- **Others Present:** Amanda Coolong (Town Clerk), Maria Johnson (Treasurer), Raylene Tolman (Deputy Clerk), Lynne Hall

**Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** Joel Doyon. Second: Andrew Bracy. Vote: unanimous approval

**Approval of Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 6/25/25 for \$5,740.27**

- **Motion:** Jim Burrill. Second: Joel Doyon. Vote: passed unanimously.

**Recreation Area and Park Updates**

Presented by **Lynne Hall:**

- **Marble entrance sign:** cracked—exploring repair options with Scott Adams. **Moose Chair & Picnic Table Canopy:** repair estimate \$3,100 total. Builder is insured.
- **Switchback Trail Grant:** Trail installation may not happen until 2026 due to grant funding cycle.
- Discussed potential **snowmobile trail reroute** request from Craig Dunn; Board will request a flagged layout of proposed trail to avoid interference with planned improvements.
- Strong community interest in preserving portions of the old stairs and historical signage (e.g. "Freedom" signs and eagle carving). Dead pines identified for removal.
- Public contributions received, including red mulch and a water barrel.

### Town Office Schedule Change

- Discussion on changing the town office closure day from **Wednesday to Monday**.
- **Motion 1** by Dave Catino, Second: Joel Doyon: Change the town office closure day to Monday, starting **July 14, 2025**. **Vote:** passed unanimously
- **Motion 2:** by Joel Doyon, second: Dave Catino: Update the personnel policy to include **floater holidays** for staff if their scheduled day off falls on a holiday. **Vote:** passed unanimously

### Withdrawal Committee Update

- First MSAD 58 Withdrawal Committee meeting set for **Friday, June 27, 2025, at 6 PM** at the Town Office.

### Snowmobile Club Fundraiser

- Dave Catino reported Chris Gavin is proposing another **Porter Lake Beach event** on **July 19, 2025**.
- The Board reiterated its **no fireworks at the beach policy**.
- Awaiting further details from the Snowmobile Club regarding event plans (food trucks, games, etc.).

### Deferred Compensation Policy (457b Plan)

- Motion by Dave Catino to add the 457(b) deferred compensation plan policy to the **Personnel Policy Handbook**. Second: Joel Doyon. **Vote:** passed unanimously
- **Action:** Dave Catino to schedule meeting w Maria Johnson and the provider rep to evaluate payroll integration in TRIO. Implementation is targeted for **after July 2025**.

### Grant Updates

- **Conversion Grant:** Map submitted; awaiting final confirmation.
- **AVCOG Grant:** Funds pending for \$37,000 energy efficiency work. Discussion underway to begin quotes for next grant cycle.
- **ACO Grant (Planning):** Board will invite new Community Resilience Coordinator Kathleen Mendoza to attend a future meeting.

### Treasurer's Report – Maria Johnson

- Preparing end-of-quarter reports and issuing liens for 2024 unpaid taxes.
- No foreclosures this year; a large past-due payment is expected from a property sale.

- Preparing account spending reports for the **July 8 meeting**.
- Updating procedures regarding a \$50,000 escrow.

#### **Clerk's Report – Amanda Coolong**

- Completed FOAA training and BMV certifications. Actively training in TRIO, IF&W (MOSES), and vital records under the supervision of Raylene Tolman.
- Clerk's **Certificate of Appointment** formally signed, effective June 10, 2025.
- Raylene Tolman appointed as **Deputy Clerk** through July 3, 2025, to assist with onboarding and data transition.
- Amanda Coolong will assume responsibility for website updates and coordinate with Librarian Erika Ouellette.

#### **Recognition Nomination**

- Board authorized **nomination submission** of the late **Craig Starbird** for county recognition based on his service to the town (road crew, fire department, and local events).

#### **Library Personnel**

- Motion by Andrew Bracy to approve **Christine Daley** as substitute librarian. Second: Joel Doyon. **Vote:** Passed unanimously

#### **Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm**

- Motion: Joel Doyon. Second: Andrew Bracy. Vote: passed unanimously

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025