

Strong Select Board Meeting Minutes
6 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2025
At Forster Memorial Building, 14 S. Main Street

Call meeting to order.

Select Board Attendance

Jame Burrill made a motion to approve with correction the Select Board's Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025. Motion seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried.

Joel Doyon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of March 26, 2025, for \$5,439.41. Motion seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sargent Ryan Close spoke about the grant received 3 years ago in the amount of \$374,000 for assessing the school buildings in Franklin County for deficiencies. We are at the end of the grant. On June 26, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the sheriff's department will conduct training at the middle school, there will be no students involved. The Forster Memorial Building is the reunification (command center). There will be around one hundred people, drones, and a helicopter. James Burrill made a motion to have the Sheriff's Department use the Forster Memorial Building on June 26, 2025, Motion seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried.

- James Smith has been working on the Little League field. James would like to see improvements made for safety. The Select Board agreed to minor repairs and earth work would be fine. Rupert Pratt explained the Town is in the middle of a grant to close the tennis park and use the grant to improve the land at the legion field. James has received donations and would like to put a sign in memory of his dad Alan Smith.

ON GOING BUSINESS

- The Select Board discuss with Jonathan Arnold, Strong's code enforcement officer their earlier concerns. Jon Arnold asked to have the notifications and communications emailed to him for the following properties.
 - Hunter Road Property
 - 8 West Freeman Road
 - North Main Street, Junk Yard

- Deferred Compensation Retirement Savings Account David Cation has reached out to Western Mountain Finance, no response yet. The Public Employees Retirement System has what we want, contact them and they will come and go over everything.
- Conversion Grant, Rupert Pratt shared the gentleman that has been helping him was one of the cuts made.
- AVOG Grant; David Catino will be getting the information for the April Report.
- Duties for Select Board

Treasurer Report None

Clerk Report Raylene would like to retire sometime this year.

Public Works Report - Spaulding Road, Duayne asked if he should be looking into reclaiming part of the road. Duayne will contact Pikes to see what they think of a way to fix the seams.

Fire Department – Have had meetings and trainings.

Select Board Reports

James Burrill - none

Andrew Bracy - none

Joel Doyon – Russell Black suggested having cards for residents to raise when voting.

David Catino – Upahead, a company that would send notification for the town. David Catino is not recommending this company, it is too expensive \$2,000 to set up and \$250 monthly.

Richard Worthley asked David Catino why current information is not on the website. The closed road article at the town meeting was controversial; is there anything that the Select Board needs to do? Rupert Pratt explained that it is only for roads closed for winter maintenance.

Rupert Pratt – When adding new business to the agenda put a description. The agenda should be available by Thursday, the cut-off to add to the agenda is Thursday. A Select Board member may ask to add to the agenda at the meeting.

James Burrill made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Joel Doyon; motion carried.