

Strong Select Board Meeting ^{Minutes}~~Agenda~~
6 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2025
At Forster Memorial Building, 14 S. Main Street

Rupert Pratt called the meeting to order, followed by saluting the flag.

All Select Board members were in attendance.

Joel Doyon made a motion to approve the Select Board's Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025, Motion seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried.

James Burrill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of April 8, 2025, for \$ 119,075.28. Motion seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- School Petition certified; what is the next step ? Susan Pratt shared step one; the petition signatures have been certified. Step 2 is to hold a Public Hearing; Step 3 is a referendum question, which is in the statute . An amount is required in the referendum question, Susan Pratt recommends \$75,000.00 out of surplus. We are working on a handout to assist with answering questions. Joel made a motion to set the date of the public hearing for April 28,2025 and set the referendum vote on May 5, 2025, in reference to the withdrawal process from SAD 58. Motion was seconded by Andrew Bracy; motion carried. Joel Doyon made a motion to ask the Town of Strong Residence to withdraw \$75,000 from surplus in reference to the withdrawal process from SAD 58. The Hearing will be at 6:00 PM and the referendum vote will be from 1 to 6 PM.
- Appropriations (review of Town Meeting funds raised & appropriated) Article 29, 515.95 does not get carried over. Article 34 recreation accounts total raised was \$6,500; break down, Park \$4,500 and Beach 2,000, Article 38 does not get carried over.

ON GOING BUSINESS

- Deferred Compensation Retirement Savings Account: I spoke with Western Mountain Annuities; they do not offer the retirement plan we are looking for. I have talked to another Farmington firm, their company doesn't support one, but they have a company out of Vermont that he believes supports a 457. and I'm going to give him some rope. Let's see what he has to say this week. Maine PERS Pairs, which is the public employees' retirement system. And they offer a simple program. It's just 457, nothing else. No bells and whistles. Just that alone. They can do it for us. And it's easy. That's how they do it. For a lot of times, there's nothing there. They're a Maine company. They're associated with MMA, and they're very familiar with it. All the municipalities use Trio, so they will come and set it up. There's

a woman waiting for us to connect back, so we can meet with her directly. I'm not going to call her yet.

- Conversion Grant, Rupert Pratt contacted, was told the town will be hearing by the end of April.
- AVOG Grant Second Grant The first grant is completed. The second grant that we applied for is another heat pump for the garage, fire stations and stuff like that. They were supposed to decide in March. They didn't, they postponed it till sometime in April, so they didn't say why it could be anything. They could have been affected by some of the budgeting funds or grand funds.

Public Comment None

Treasurer Report MMA AI for Municipalities conference, Maria would like to attend. I also must follow up on a foreclosure. Nolan Ross, the kids have reached out to me, and she's going to take her dad in the car. To come pick up the check, and he's going to sign that over to the kids, hopefully.

Clerk Report I have a date to retire, June 30, 2025.

Public Works Report -None

Fire Department, Duayne Boyd, would like to know the amount of donations for flags received. Maria will get the information for Duayne on Thursday.

Select Board Reports

James Burrill-None

Andrew Bracy: Has spoken with Erika Oullette and she is interested in working on the web site.

Joel Doyon asked about the town's investment, Maria makes sure that she has all the town's funds earning accounts, however, there is an account in Bangor savings account that she has asked Rupert Pratt about and would like to have permission to put it in an account to earn interest, all agreed.

David Catino, James Smith's list of what he would like to do at the ball fields is not feasible. Andy Pratt will build benches. David is recording this meeting using

Rupert Pratt – None

James Burrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrew Bracy.

Adjourned at 7:45