

July 8, 2020

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen present-Russell Gray and Lincoln Cooper. Selectman absent-John Firlik. Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience of Citizens: No public comment.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 6/10/2020 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: R. Gray reported that he received a letter from Joseph H. Reindl of 52 Jared Hill Road regarding an accessory dwelling for rental income at 40 Jared Hill Road. The Zoning Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshal have been notified, as well as, Northeast District Department of Health.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Economic Development Commission, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Northeast District Department of Health, and Planning & Zoning Commission): J. Gustavson reported that appointments to the Economic Development Commission will take place under New Business. John Angelone has expressed interest in joining the Planning and Zoning Commission and will attend the July meeting. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the bills for 6/17/2020 in the amount of \$21,291.40; 6/24/2020 in the amount of \$682.01; and 7/1/2020 the amount of \$21,986.55. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Appointment of Craig Bein (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2022), Dean Roussel (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2023), and Renee Bein (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2025) to the Economic Development Commission: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to appoint Craig Bein, 435 Pine Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2022 replacing Andre Benoit, Dean Roussel, 49 Laiho Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2023 replacing Andrew Hadfield, and Renee Bein, 435 Pine Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2025 replacing James Filice to the Economic Development Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Resignation Letter from Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer: R. Gray reported that he received a resignation letter from Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, dated 6/17/2020 stating, "It is with regret that I hereby resign my position as Zoning Enforcement Officer with the Town of Sterling, Connecticut, effective Wednesday, July 1, 2020. It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Sterling as ZEO for the past 8 years, and I wish the Board of Selectmen and all of the Town's board members, commissioners and employees the best of luck in the future". L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to accept D. Sorrentino's resignation as Zoning Enforcement Officer with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on Appointment of Melissa Gil, Zoning Enforcement Officer: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to hire Melissa Gil, 85 Depot Road, Canterbury, CT 06331 effective 7/8/2020 for approximately two (2) to four (4) hours per week at a rate of \$41.70 per hour for the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer, replacing Demian Sorrentino. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on Appointment of Susanne Tetreault to the Safety Committee: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to appoint Susanne Tetreault to fill the vacancy created by Dale Boisselle to the Safety Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Request for Refund for Driveway Apron Bond #19-05 – Hilltop Contractors, LLC – 215 Valley View Road: R. Gray reported that Peter Thurlow of Hilltop Contractors, LLC has requested release of driveway apron bond #19-05 in the amount of \$1,500. R. Gray approved that the driveway apron has been installed properly. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to release

driveway apron bond #19-05 in the amount of \$1,500 to Peter Thurlow of Hilltop Contractors, LLC, 32 Railroad Street, Pomfret Center, CT 06259. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary