

August 5, 2020

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Carl Pasteryak and Paul Sweet.

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 7/15/2020 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Northeast District Department of Health, and Planning & Zoning Commission): L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the bills for 7/22/2020 in the amount of \$3,919.17 and 7/29/2020 in the amount of \$23,186.85. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Proposal to Tack Coat and Overlay Approximately 11,088 Linear Feet on Main Street and Approximately 3,432 Linear Feet on North Sterling Road: The Board of Selectmen received the following three (3) bids to tack coat and overlay approximately 11,088 Linear Feet on Main Street and Approximately 3,432 Linear Feet on North Sterling Road: 1) All States Asphalt, Inc., PO Box 91, Sunderland, MA 01375 in the amount of \$294,525 for Main Street and \$77,788 for North Sterling Road; 2) American Industries, Inc., 630 Plainfield Road, Jewett City, CT 06351 in the amount of \$280,000 for Main Street and \$79,000 for North Sterling Road; 3) Charles Pasteryak Jr., Inc., 20 N. Burnham Highway, Lisbon, CT 06351 in the amount of \$242,444 for Main Street and \$63,960 for North Sterling Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid to Charles Pasteryak, Jr., Inc., 20 N. Burnham Highway, Lisbon, CT 06351 in the amount of \$242,444 for Main Street. All voted in favor of the motion

R. Gray stated that he would like to get the availability of funds from the Treasurer before awarding the bid to tack coat and overlay North Sterling Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table awarding the bid for North Sterling Road to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Proposal to Rewire Approximately 250 Emergency Lights to the Generator Panel: R. Gray reported that due to Hurricane Isaias, the Sterling Municipality Building was closed today, 8/5/2020, and bids might not have been received in person, in the drop box outside the main door, or via mail. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Resignation of Stacy Abua from the Zoning Board of Appeals: R. Gray reported that J. Gustavson received an email from Stacy Abua, dated 7/22/2020, stating, "Effectively immediately, I am resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals with my volunteering on the board. I thank the Town for the opportunity and learning experience". J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept Stacy Abua's resignation with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Request from Sterling Community School Regarding Signage: R. Gray reported that he received a letter from Gail Lanza, Superintendent of Sterling Community School dated 8/3/2020 regarding safety concerns per discussion at the last Tri-Board meeting and subsequent Board of Education meetings. G. Lanza is requesting the Town install caution lights and approaching school zone signs in front of Sterling Community School, 251 Sterling Road. L. Cooper reported that he

reached out to the Department of Transportation and at the Town's expense signing can be placed along the side of the road; the request needs to come from the Board of Selectmen to the State of Connecticut. The estimated cost is +/- \$12,000. Discussion was held on how to fund the project. R. Gray will discuss funding the project for the signage with G. Lanza. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Christine Farrugia, Alternate Lincoln Cooper, and Alternate Derek Anforth (3 yr. term expiring 8/13/2023) to the Zoning Board of Appeals: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to re-appoint, Christine Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Alternate Lincoln Cooper, 420 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354, and Alternate Derek Anforth, 95 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 8/13/2023 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. Request for Refund for Driveway Apron Bond #11-02 – Michael Gwiazdowski, II of MDG Construction, 450, 452, & 454 Main Street - \$500: R. Gray reported that Michael Gwiazdowski, II has requested release of driveway apron bond #11-02 in the amount of \$500. R. Gray approved that the driveway apron has been installed properly. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to release driveway apron bond #11-02 in the amount of \$500 for property located at 450, 452, & 454 Main Street to Michael Gwiazdowski, II of MDG Construction, PO Box 23, Voluntown, CT 06384. All voted in favor of the motion.

h. Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 27 Spring Lake Road: Thomas Thurlow of Hilltop Plumbing, LLC submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 7/23/2020 for property located at 27 Spring Lake Road. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve application #20-02 for a driveway construction permit for property located at 27 Spring Lake Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary