

October 7, 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 Peter Rabbitt.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

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

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 9/16/2020 meeting minutes and the 9/30/2020 special 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, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station, and Zoning Board of Appeals): L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt 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 P. Rabbitt to approve the bills for 9/23/2020 in the amount of \$20,731.03, 9/30/2020 in the amount of \$310,228.00, and 10/7/2020 in the amount of \$7,776.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Plowing and Sanding Bids for FY 2020-2021 & 2021-2022: The Board of Selectmen received the following two (2) bids for Plowing and Sanding for the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 winter seasons: 1) Steven Jordan in the amount of \$140 per hour for two (2) trucks, and 2) Riley Rice of Rice Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$140 per hour for (2) trucks, one (1) equipped with a ten (10) foot Town plow and sander. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to award the bid to Steven Jordan, 1015 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 in the amount of \$140 per hour for two (2) trucks; and Rice Landscaping, LLC, 378 Lathrop Road, Plainfield, CT 06374 in the amount of \$140 for two (2) trucks, one (1) equipped with a ten (10) foot Town plow and sander. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Sand Bids for FY 2020-2021 & 2021-2022: The Board of Selectmen received the following two (2) bids for winter sand for the removal of snow and ice for the 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 winter seasons: 1) Doris Desjardins in the amount of \$12.00 per cubic yard, and 2) Wapping Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$30.95 per cubic yard. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid to Doris Desjardins, 114 Exley Road, Plainfield, CT 06374 in the amount of \$12.00 per cubic yard for winter sand for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 winter seasons. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on a Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) FY 20 Grant Resolution: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to adopt the following Regional Program Incentive Program (RPIP) FY 20 Grant Resolution:

Resolution

Whereas, the State of Connecticut has made certain grant funds available through Connecticut General Statute 4-124s known commonly as the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) to regional councils of governments for: (1) The joint provision of any service that one or more participating municipalities of such council, educational service center or agency currently provide but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) a planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or (3) shared information technology services; and

Whereas the Town of Sterling is a member of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) - a regional council of governments; and

Whereas, NECCOG has submitted two RPIP grant proposals addressing the study of a Regional Environmental Depot and the expansion and renovation of the Regional Animal Shelter; and

Whereas, the Legislative Body, which is considered the Board of Selectmen for purposes of this act, is required to pass a resolution demonstrating support for each RPIP application, and;

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen has determined that the applications submitted by NECCOG for RPIP funding are in the best interests of the Town of Sterling.

Now, Be it Resolved, the Legislative Body for the Town of Sterling does hereby express its support and endorsement for both of NECCOG's 2020 RPIP Grant Applications.

All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Resignation of Caren Bailey from the Planning & Zoning Commission: R. Gray reported that J. Gustavson received an email from Caren Bailey dated 10/7/2020, stating, "Please accept this as notification of my resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission as I am no longer a resident". L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to accept Caren Bailey's resignation with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) L. Cooper reported that the carpeting in Room 4 (across from the Senior Center) needs to be removed and replace with a vinyl flooring. The anticipated cost for material and labor is \$2,500. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, pending Board of Finance approval, to approve the request to remove the carpeting in Room 4 and replace with vinyl flooring. All voted in favor of the motion. 2) R. Gray reported that the electronic sign at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike has been installed and he would like to give the old sign to the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to give the Transfer Station the old sign. 3) R. Gray updated the Board regarding the plugged culverts on Cedar Swamp Road.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary