

February 3, 2021

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

Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper, Peter Rabbitt, and David Shippee.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

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

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 1/20/2021 meeting minutes and the 1/28/2021 special meeting minutes as presented. Two voted in favor of the motion and one abstention. Motion carries.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

**Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Northeast District Department of Health, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee 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:** P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to approve the bills for 1/27/2021 in the amount of \$65,962.27 and 2/3/2021 in the amount of \$38,433.86. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Discussion of Fuel Tanks – Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:** L. Cooper reported that due to the age of the fuel tanks at the Sterling Municipal Building, they are no longer covered under the Town's insurance. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to discuss alternative heat sources with the Energy Committee at their 2/11/2021 meeting.

**c. Discussion Regarding Purchasing Sander for One Town Truck:** L. Cooper reported that the Town has two (2) contractors, four (4) trucks plowing the roads. It would be beneficial to the Town, to have a sander installed on one (1) of the Town dump trucks to sand the Sterling Community School, the Sterling Municipal Building, and other Town owned property. Susanne Tetreault, General Office Assistant, has been researching the cost through the State of Connecticut, State Contracting Portal and the cost to purchase a new sander ranges between \$5,000 and \$13,250. L. Cooper also reported that the Town has three (3) sanders available that could be installed on the 2012 International dump truck. Ben Barbeau, Town Mechanic, will look for a suitable fit and test it out. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Schedule Workshop for FY 2021-2022 Proposed Selectmen's Budget:** J. Gustavson reported that staff is working on submitting budgets to the Treasurer. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: None.

Adjournment: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary