

June 2, 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: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to approve the 5/19/2021 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Economic Development Commission, 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.

b. Discussion Regarding Vendor for Fixed Assets: No new information. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Discussion Regarding Generator Located at Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike: No new information. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Annual Town Meeting: The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to act on the reports of the town, authorize borrowing for the ensuing year, and designate banks for town depositories.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: Bills were not available for tonight's meeting.

b. Consider & Act on Appointment of Ross Farrugia and Judith Andrade (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2026) to Economic Development Commission: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to re-appoint Ross Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Judith Andrade, 16 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2026 to the Economic Development Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Appointment of Lincoln Cooper (1 yr. term expiring 6/3/2022) to Chamber of Commerce: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to appoint Lincoln Cooper, 420 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a one (1) year term expiring 6/3/2022 to the Eastern Regional Tourism District. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor with Loader and Belly Mower Bids: The Board of Selectmen received the following seven (7) bids for the 1990 Ford 1520 tractor with loader and belly mower: 1) Michael Bourque \$500; 2) Roy and Jolene Eggers \$3,533; 3) Jim Hawkins \$2,501; 4) Dennis Johnson \$3031; 5) James Molodich \$2,011; 6) C. P. Rabbitt \$1,200; and 7) Joseph Schwarz \$4,250. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept the high bid of \$4,250 from Joseph Schwarz pending Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on 1991 Sweepster Sweeper, PTO 6'3 Point Hitch Bids: No bids were received. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to advertise again in the fall.

f. Consider & Act on Proposal to Repair/Block/Seal Leaks to Sanitary Sewer Lines: L. Cooper reported that the Board of Selectmen received a proposal from Ray Bahr of Green Mountain Pipeline Services to repair/block/seal leaks in the sanitary sewer lines in the amount of \$19,380. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to award the proposal to Green Mountain Pipeline Services, 768 South Main Street, Unit 1, Bethel, VT 05032 in the amount of \$19,380 pending Board of Finance approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. Consider & Act on Proposal to Replace Generator at Sterling Sewer Pump Station, Sterling

Road: L. Cooper reported that the Board of Selectmen received a proposal from Charlie Carroll of AC/DC Industrial Electric, LLC to replace the failed generator at the Sterling Sewer Pump Station located on Sterling Road in the amount of \$78,159.02. Other cost associated with replacing the generator include the following: 1) Excavation services to increase the size of the original easement \$5,700; 2) Legal counsel \$940; and 3) Engineering fees \$2,492.50. The total cost to replace the generator is \$87,291.52. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to award the proposal to AC/DC Industrial Electric, LLC, 44 Yantic Flats Road, Unit 1, Yantic, CT 06389 in the amount of \$87,291.52 pending Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

h. Request for Driveway Apron Bond #20-02 – Hilltop Plumbing, LLC – 27 Spring Lake

Road: Thomas Thurlow of Hilltop Plumbing, LLC has requested release of driveway apron bond #20-02 in the amount of \$1,500. L. Cooper approved the driveway apron has been installed properly. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to release driveway apron bond #12-02 in the amount of \$1,500 to Hilltop Plumbing, LLC, 28 Front Street, Suite 5, Putnam, CT 06260. 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 6:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary