

June 9, 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 6/2/2021 special meeting and meeting minutes and the 6/8/2021 special 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):** D. Shippee 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.

**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.

**e. Consider & Act on Proposal to Tack Coat and Overlay Approximately 10,912 Linear Feet on Snake Meadow Hill Road, Approximately 1,431 Linear Feet on Jared Hall Hill Road, Approximately 12,859 Linear Feet on Margaret Henry Road, and Approximately 1,644 Linear Feet on Barber Road:** L. Cooper reported that he reviewed the bids and would like to open up discussion regarding the bids for Barber Road prior to awarding the bid for Snake Meadow Hill Road, Jared Hall Hill Road, and Margaret Henry Road. After doing research, it appears that tack coating and overlaying Barber Road may not yield long-term results and we should consider reclaiming the road and rebid the project later. Discussion was held.

D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to reject all bids for Barber Road and to consult with Towne Engineering before rebidding the project later. All voted in favor of the motion.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether to award one bid for Snake Meadow Hill Road and Jared Hall Hill and award a separate bid for Margaret Henry or to award one bid for all three (3) roads. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to award the bid to one (1) bidder for all three (3) roads.

P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to award the bid to American Industries, 630 Plainfield Road, Jewett City, CT 06351 in the amount of \$256,432 for approximately 10,912 Linear Feet on Snake Meadow Hill Road; \$37,964.43 for approximately 1,431 Linear Feet on Jared Hall Hill Road; \$302,186.50 for approximately 12,859 Linear Feet on Margaret Henry Road for a total bid in the amount of \$596,582.93 to be completed on/before 10/30/2021 pending Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval in the amount of \$200,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

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

**b. Consider & Act on Selecting Two (2) Candidates for the Seasonal Part-Time Highway Positions:** L. Cooper reported that Board of Selectmen interviewed two (2) candidates for the Seasonal Part-Time Highway Positions and would like to offer the position to both candidates. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbit to hire Jonathan Cote, 75 Forge Hill Road,

Voluntown, CT 06384 and Chad Cramer, 590 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 effective 7/1/2021 through 10/29/2021 for forty (40) hours per week at \$18.50 per hour with no accumulated benefits. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Vote to Lay Tax and Schedule Collection Dates:** P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to lay a tax of 31.94 mils on the dollar of the Grand List of October 1, 2020 and that said tax shall be due and payable on July 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation not to Exceed \$250,000 from the Town's Fund Balance to Board of Selectmen's 2021-2022 Budget to Highways – Road Resurfacing:** L. Cooper reported that the request in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 should be lowered to a \$200,000 appropriation as the bids for Barber Road were rejected. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve the road resurfacing appropriation in the amount of \$200,000, pending Board of Finance approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve Expenditure of \$87,291.52 from the Town's Fund Balance to Sewer Fund to Purchase One (1) Generac Industrial Power Generator for the Sewer Pump Station, Sterling Road:** The Board of Finance at their meeting held 6/2/2021 voted to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$87,291.52 from the Town's Fund Balance to the Sewer Fund to purchase one (1) Generac Industrial Power Generator. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT as Item II (2) to vote to approve the expenditure of \$87,291.52 from the Town's Fund Balance to the Sewer Fund to purchase one (1) Generac Industrial Power Generator. All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve the Sale of Town Equipment: 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor with Loader and Belly Mower:** D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT as Item III (3) to vote to approve the sale of the 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor with Loader and Belly Mower in the amount of \$4,250, pending Board of Finance approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Adjournment: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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