

August 4, 2021

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper and Peter Rabbitt. Selectman absent-David Shippee. Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Harry Heller, Barry Goldberg (6:08 p.m.), and Susan Doyle (6:08 p.m.).

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 7/21/2021 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, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals): P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Discussion Regarding Generator Located at Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike: L. Cooper reported that he received an email from Charlie Carroll of AC/DC Industrial Electric, LLC dated 8/4/2021. In order to get the failed generator up and running, the radiator needs to be replaced, as well as, belts, new coolant, block heater and hoses. The estimated cost to repair the generator is \$5,900. The generator provides power to the two (2) boiler rooms. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the proposal from AC/DC Industrial Electric, LLC, 44 Yantic Flats Road, Yantic, CT 06389 to fix the failed generator located at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, in the amount of \$5,900. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Discussion Regarding Time Clocks: Discussion was held regarding the time clocks. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to temporarily remove this item from the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

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

b. Special Excavation Application by American Industries, Inc. for Property Located at 609 Sterling Road (Owner: Grace Harriot Roberts) Map 03830, Block 022, Lot 0102: The Board of Selectmen received the application tonight. It is the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to not hold a public hearing on the Special Excavation Application by American Industries. Harry Heller of Heller, Heller, and McCoy will present the application on Wednesday, 8/18/2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike. The purpose of the meeting is to accept written or verbal comments on an Excavation Application by American Industries, Inc. for property identified as 609 Sterling Road (Owner: Grace Harriot Roberts) Map 03830, Block 022, Lot 0102. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Discussion Regarding Seasonal Part-Time Workers – Highway Department: L. Cooper reported that two (2) seasonal part-time workers were hired to work in the Highway Department from July 1 to October 29. Chad Cramer gave verbal notice that he would no longer be working with the Town. L. Cooper would like to hire Jonathan Cote as a full-time employee with benefits. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to move J. Cote, 75 Forge Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384 from part-time seasonal to full-time with benefits effective 9/1/2021. The rate of pay will remain at \$18.50 per hour. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Resignation of Susanne Tetreault from Sterling Recreation Authority: L. Cooper reported that Jason Licciardi, Recreation Authority Director, received a resignation letter from Susanne Tetreault dated 6/17/2021 stating, "I am writing to tell you that I am resigning from my position on the Sterling Recreation Authority Board, effective immediately. Unfortunately, my other commitments have become too great from me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position on the Board, and I feel it is best for me to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote

to the job” (copy on file). P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept Susanne Tetreault’s resignation effective immediately with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Possible Action on Request to Take Soil Samples for a Possible Remediation for Property Located at 390 Sterling Road (aka Revere Site): L. Cooper reported that the Board of Selectmen received a letter dated 7/29/2021 from Patricia Ball, on behalf of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and email correspondence from Attorney Mike Zizka or Halloran and Sage, LLP dated 7/27/2021 (copies on file). EDC passed a motion to recommend the Board of Selectmen allow Brad Davis the opportunity to take soil samples with the condition that there would be no cost to the Town and without any permanent site disturbances. Discussion followed. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to deny Mr. Davis’ request to take soil samples from Town owned property located at 390 Sterling Road (aka Revere Site). All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Discussion Regarding Purchasing an Electronic Diagnostic Scanner: L. Cooper reported that he received an email dated, 8/3/2021 from Hunter Wood, Town Mechanic, requesting to purchase an Autel Maxi System Electronic Diagnostic Scanner, Model #MS908CV. It is the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to purchase the scanner with the understanding that if the cost exceeds \$2,500 this item shall go out to bid. P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Stephen Offiler, Robert Lassar, Russell Dexter, and Alternate Betsy Chamberland (3 yr. term expiring 8/14/2024) to Zoning Board of Appeals: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Stephen Offiler, 638 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377; Robert Lassar, 88 Gibson Hill Road, PO Box 127, Sterling, CT 06377; Russell Dexter, 62 Barber Road, Sterling, CT 06377; and Alternate Betsy Chamberland, PO Box 184, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 8/14/2024 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted in favor of the motion.

h. Consider & Act on Alternate Appointment of Joshua Currier (3 yr. term expiring 3/6/2024) to Recreation Authority: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to appoint Alternate Joshua Currier, 194 Valley View Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 3/6/2024 to fill the vacancy created by Susanne Tetreault to the Recreation Authority. 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 L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary