

September 15, 2021

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03 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 D. Shippee to approve the 9/8/2021 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, Library Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** J. Gustavson reported that an appointment to the Library Board will be acted on under New Business. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table other commission vacancies to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**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:** D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table this item to Wednesday, 10/20/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Heating System - Town Highway Garage, 215 Main Street:** 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. Security System – Town Highway Garage, 215 Main Street:** P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to table this item to the next meeting. 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 9/15/2021 in the amount of \$15,834.03. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Moving Alternate Derek Anforth to a Regular Member (3 yr. term expiring 8/13/2023) to Zoning Board of Appeals:** At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held 9/7/2021, it was the consensus of the Board to request that the Board of Selectman move Derek Anforth from an alternate member to a regular member. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to move alternate Derek Anforth, 95 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 as a regular member to a three (3) year term expiring 8/13/2023 to fill the vacancy created by Stacy Abua to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Moving Alternate James Hawkins, Jr. to a Regular Member (3 yr. term expiring 2/19/2024 to Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission:** At the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission meeting held 8/26/2021, it was the consensus of the Commission to request that the Board of Selectmen move James Hawkins, Jr. from an alternate member to a regular member. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to move alternate James Hawkins, Jr., 351 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 as a regular member to a three (3) year term expiring 2/19/2024 to the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on Appointing Judith Gooslin, (6 yr. term expiring 11/16/2021) to Library Board of Directors:** J. Gustavson reported that she received an email from Holly Wood, Librarian, on behalf of the Library Board of Directors dated 9/14/2021 requesting that the Board of Selectmen appoint Judith Gooslin to the Library Board of Directors. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to appoint Judith Gooslin, 1285 Plainfield Pike, Sterling, CT 06377 to a six (6) year term expiring 11/16/2021 to fill the vacancy created by Marnie Reynolds-Bourque to the Library Board of Directors. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Resignation of Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator:** L. Cooper reported that the Board of Selectmen received a resignation letter from Patricia Ball dated 9/7/2021 stating, "I have enjoyed my time here as the Economic Development Coordinator. Due to new commitments at school I will not be able to dedicate enough time to fulfill this role. Regretfully I need to resign my

position". D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt, to accept Patricia Ball's resignation effective immediately with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: Discussion was held regarding the replacement of Patricia Ball as Economic Development Coordinator.

Adjournment: P. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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