

November 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.

Also present-Victoria Lewis-Robinson (6:02 p.m.)

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to approve the 10/20/2021 meeting minutes and the 10/27/2021 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Energy Committee, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals): J. Gustavson stated that an appointment shall be made later tonight. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to table this item to the next meeting as there are no other candidates. 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, 11/17/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Special Town Meeting for the Sale of 31 Hungry Hill Road: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

New Business:

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

b. Consider & Act on Alternate Appointment of Jon Turban (3 yr. term expiring 12/1/2022) to the Planning & Zoning Commission: D. Shippee, made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to appoint Alternate Jon Turban, 21 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 12/1/2022 to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Appointment of Heather Nickerson (3 yr. term expiring 11/8/2022) to the Energy Committee. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to appoint Heather Nickerson, 387 Margaret Henry Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 11/8/2022 to the Energy Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on Re-Appointment of Richard McGarry, Robert McLevy, and John Baccarie (3 yr. term expiring 11/9/2024) to the Energy Committee. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to re-appoint Richard McGarry, 143 Sawmill Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, and Robert McLevy, 36 Miller Road, Sterling, CT 06377, and John Baccarie, 34 Ledge Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 11/9/2024 to the Energy Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) Contract – Transit Services. L. Cooper reported that he received the Transit Services contract from Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG). D. Shippee made a motion seconded by P. Rabbitt to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Transit Services contract on behalf of the Town of Sterling. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Act on Consent Order and Proposal from U.S. Geological Survey Proposal (USGS): L. Cooper reported that sometime last year it was brought to the Selectman's attention that the Water Diversion Permit was up for renewal. Don Aubrey of Towne Engineering, Inc. was contacted to review the information and submit the renewal. D. Aubrey contacted Wayne Bugden of One Earth Environmental, LLC to work with the CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) on submitting the renewal. The permit is needed because water is pumped from the ground and sold to Sterling residents. The cost of the permit is \$3,100 per five (5) years and CT Water did not file

reports on the Town's behalf equaling a cost of \$9,300. The Town was sent a consent order and a proposal from U. S. Geological Survey Proposal (USGS) in the amount of \$20,350. L. Cooper has reached out to W. Bugden asking for an explanation as to why the cost/penalty is so high. USGS operates and maintains numerous gaging stations throughout the State to monitor river stage and discharge and groundwater levels that have been compromised over time. The proposal is to perform structural and equipment upgrades at the highest priority gages in Eastern CT that fits within the budget constraints between the Town and DEEP. As soon as the consent order is approved, DEEP will send it back to the Town and the Town shall have forty-five (45) days to comply. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by P. Rabbitt to approve the consent order and proposal from U. S. Geological Survey Proposal (USGS) in the amount of \$20,350 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 6:15 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary