

December 15, 2021

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper, David Shippee, and Jack Joslyn.

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 J. Joslyn to approve the 12/1/2021 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Approval of Bills:** D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the bills for 12/15/2021 in the amount of \$73,868.19. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Hiring Economic Development Coordinator:** L. Cooper reported that two (2) individuals expressed interest in the position of Economic Development Coordinator. The Town received one (1) resume. Link Cooper, First Selectman, Geoff Cooper, Economic Development Chairman, and William Sebastian, Assessor interviewed the candidate and decided to recommend to the Board of Selectman to hire Renee Bein as Economic Development Coordinator. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to hire Renee Bein, 435 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, effective 12/20/2021 as Economic Development Coordinator for six (6) hours per week at \$20.00 per hour with no accumulated benefits. Office hours shall be Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the remaining hours will be reaching out to businesses. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: L. Cooper reported that on Tuesday, the Economic Development Commission made a motion to sell 1110 Plainfield Pike, a.k.a. Old Town Library. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the easement to the back lot and development within the side yard setback.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary