

March 16, 2022

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.

Also present-Steve Williams (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 J. Joslyn to approve the 3/2/2022 special meeting and 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, and Zoning Board of Appeals): L. Cooper 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 3/01/2022 in the amount of \$155,283.70 and 3/16/2022 in the amount of \$2,380.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Heavy Duty HP Tractor, Over the Rail Mower, Heavy Duty Post Hole Digger, and PTO Debris Blower Bids: The Board of Selectmen received the following three (3) bids:

	Heavy Duty 90 HP Tractor	Over the Rail Mower	Heavy Duty Post Hole Digger	PTO Debris Blower	Total
D.H. Marvin & Son, Inc.	John Deere \$66,462.01	Tiger Bengal \$65,489.01	Woods \$1,647.00	Buffalo Turbine \$6,480.00	\$140,078.02
Kahn Tractor & Equipment, Inc.	New Holland \$164,808.15	Alamo Price Included in HP Tractor	Land Pride \$2,254.74	Buffalo Turbine \$6,715.00	\$173,777.89
United AG and Turf	John Deere \$67,647.04	Diamond \$73,734.30	Frontier \$2,448.42	Agrimetal \$6,632.10	\$150,461.86

D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table this item and add on to the special meeting agenda scheduled for Wednesday, 3/23/2022 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT at 4:30 p.m. in Room #15. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Resignation of Andrew Aubin, Highway Department: L. Cooper reported that on 2/28/2022 Andrew Aubin gave his verbal notice to retire effective 3/1/2022. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to accept A. Aubin's resignation from the Highway Department effective 3/1/2022 with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on Highway Department Position: L. Cooper reported that Hunter Wood has been working as the part-time mechanic since July of 2021 and effective 3/7/2022 was hired full-time; part-time mechanic and part-time Highway Department worker. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to hire Hunter Wood, 37C Rosedale Street, Danielson, CT 06239, effective 3/7/2022 for twenty-five (25) hours per week as the mechanic at \$30.00 per hour and fifteen (15) hours per week as a Highway Department Worker at \$22.50 per hour. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Christine Farrugia, Betsy Molodich and Robin Cousens (3 yr. term expiring 3/12/2025); Verna Cole, Jack Joslyn, Alternate Robert Zavistoski, and Alternate Katie Hermonot (2 yr. term expiring 3/12/2024); and Alternate Karolyn Jordan (1 yr. term expiring 3/12/2023) to Agricultural Commission: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Christine Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Betsy Molodich, 36 Cedar Swamp Road, Moosup, CT 06354, and Robin Cousens, 86 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year expiring 3/12/2025; Verna Cole, 27 Ekonk Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354, Jack Joslyn, 209 Harris Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Alternate Robert Zavistoski, PO Box 81, Sterling, CT 06377 and Alternate Katie Hermonot, 227 Ekonk Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a two (2) year expiring 3/12/2024; and Alternate Karolyn Jordan, 337 Sawmill Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/12/2023 to the Agricultural Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Consider & Act on Appointing Jonathan Cote to the Safety Committee: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to appoint Jonathan Cote to fill the vacancy created by Andrew Aubin to the Safety Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. 2022-2023 Local Capital Improvement Plan: L. Cooper reported the current balance for FY 2022-2023 Local Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP) is \$41,658 which includes the 2021 entitlement amount of \$41,658. The plan will be presented to the Board of Finance at their April meeting. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to accept the report as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: **Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction, LLC Permit for 152 Woodland Road:** Stacey Trottier of Jericho Construction, LLC submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 3/14/2022 for property located at 152 Woodland Road. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve application #22-01 for a driveway construction permit for property located at 152 Woodland Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary