

June 1, 2022

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper and David Shippee. Selectman absent-Jack Joslyn.

Staff present-Melissa Gil and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Dave Malo, Frank Bood, Victoria Robinson-Lewis, Ernie Lewis, Robbin Lynn, and Gray Smith.

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

Audience of Citizens: L. Cooper stated that Gary Smith and Robbin Lynn are here tonight before the Board of Selectmen because of Residential Use of Recreation Vehicle on property located at 634 Margaret Henry Road. Melissa Gil, Zoning Enforcement Office sent a letter dated 3/23/2022 which was returned and mailed again on 4/7/2022. The Town continues to receive complaints that a Recreation Vehicle is being used for permanent residency at 634 Margaret Henry Road. According to Section 301.2 of the Town of Sterling's Zoning Regulations, "No Camp Trailer or Camper or Mobile Home shall be occupied as a residential unit". The Board of Selectmen need to know if your intent is to build a home on the property and if that is not your intent then what is? R. Lynn stated they want to turn the garage loft into a living area and the two (2) car garage will be changed to a one (1) car garage to make livable space. The well and septic have been installed. L. Cooper stated that Board of Selectmen needs concrete evidence of what you are going to do because you are in violation of the Sterling Mobile Parks and Trailer Ordinance. Specifically, plans showing the renovation to the existing building, a building permit, a zoning permit, and a B100a (Change in Use Application) from the Northeast District Department of Health. The Board will grant you thirty (30) days to submit your plans and permits. L. Cooper and M. Gil shall visit your home on 7/13/2022 to see the progress that has been made. It was agreed upon to meet at 4:00 p.m. M. Gil stated that you need a zoning permit for the garage as you are turning it into residential use. It was discussed to modify the garage permit and adjust the fee accordingly.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 5/18/2022 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Energy Committee, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Recreation Authority Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals): D. Shippee 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.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the bills for 5/24/2022 in the amount of \$49,144.81 and 5/25/2022 in the amount of \$13,486.59. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: David Malo asked about an act extending the municipal property tax relief to retired volunteer firefighters, fire police officers and emergency medical technicians and why Sterling does not have an ordinance addressing the property tax relief. D. Shippee stated if emergency personnel received tax breaks, they would have to pay income tax. The firemen decided to take the pension plan and not the tax break.

Adjournment: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary