

August 17, 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-Frank Bood and Steve Williams.

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

Audience of Citizens: S. Williams stated that discussion of the Blight Ordinance was discussed last week at the Selectmen's meeting and was posted on WINY Radio and he wanted to get an update.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 8/10/2022 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Economic Development Commission, Energy Committee, Family Day, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Recreation Authority Board, 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.

**b. Consider & Act on Van Bid:** J. Gustavson reported that it has come to the Town's attention that Putnam Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc. is not an approved vendor on the State Bid List. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to reject the bid from Putnam Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc., All voted in favor of the motion.

On 8/16/2022 an Invitation to Bid was posted on the State Bid List, the Town's Website, sent to the Norwich Bulletin, and G. Gervais of Putnam Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc., was notified of the error and emailed a new bid.

**c. Special Town Meeting for the Sale of 1110 Plainfield Pike:** The auditors have contacted the Town stating the audit is ready to be presented to the Board of Finance at their 9/14/2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Considering this information, D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to rescind his motion of 8/10/2022 to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, 9/14/2022 at 7:00 pm. in Room #15, Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT for the sale of 1110 Plainfield Pike (aka old library – Assessor's Map 00IOV-022-062A) for an amount not to exceed \$60,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to re-schedule a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, 8/30/2022 at 6:00 pm. in Room #15, Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT for the sale of 1110 Plainfield Pike (aka old library – Assessor's Map 00IOV-022-062A) for an amount not to exceed \$60,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Discussion Regarding Blight Ordinance:** L. Cooper reported that WINY Radio posted an article last week regarding the Blight Ordinance and not one (1) additional person has reached out to the Board of Selectmen. Discussion was held. J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to not pursue moving forward on adopting a Blight Ordinance at this time due to lack of interest. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Discussion Regarding Line Striping:** D. Shippee distributed a Maintenance Road Record, including length of the road, whether the road needs line striping, and if so, paint or epoxy. He would like to see twelve (12) roads get center line striping with paint and one (1) road get center line striping with epoxy Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Center line striping with paint is sixteen cents (.16) +/- per foot and center line striping with epoxy is fifty (.50) +/- per foot. If the Town goes out to bid for thirteen (13) roads, the estimated cost would be \$16,895. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn that the Board of Selectmen agree to striping thirteen (13) roads Fiscal Year 2022-2023. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

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

**b. Treasurer's Monthly Reports:** Reports were not available for tonight's meeting.

**c. Excavation Application for Charles Corson, Jr. for 131 Church Street:** L. Cooper reported that the Special Excavation Application for Charles Corson, Jr. was not filed properly. J. Gustavson

submitted into record an email from Daniel Blanchette of J&D Civil Engineers, LLC, dated 8/15/2022 stating, "On behalf of my client Charles Corson, I am writing to request that you withdraw our recent application for an excavation permit at 131 Church Street. We will submit a new application in the very near future with different name for the applicant" (copy on file). No discussion was necessary as this application has been withdrawn.

**d. Consider & Act on Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG)**

**Contract – Paramedic Intercept Services:** L. Cooper reported that he received the Paramedic Intercept Services contract from Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG). J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Paramedic Intercept Services contract on behalf of the Town of Sterling. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: 1) **Resident Trooper:** D. Shippee reported that he emailed Master Sergeant Miller on 8/15/2022 with the Selectmen's list of questions regarding the Resident Trooper Program. On 8/17/2022, Sergeant Cote responded to the email of 8/15/2022 stating that he and the Troop D Commander shall attend the Selectmen's meeting on 8/24/2022 at 6:00 p.m. to personally meet and answer any questions. D. Shippee has invited Bob Salisbury, Chairman of the Board of Finance to join the meeting.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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