

November 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-F. Bood.

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

Audience of Citizens: F. Bood stated that there are many non-conformities in Town. For every violation that goes through the court system, the cost is approximately \$10,000. The Planning & Zoning Commission could establish procedures and fines for zoning violations. A favorable discussion was held moving forward on establishing procedures.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the 11/9/2022 meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: L. Cooper stated that he received a letter from Melissa Gil, Zoning Enforcement Officer, dated 11/4/2022 regarding residential use of camper/trailer/mobile home(s) for property located at 388 Valley View Road (copy on file).

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (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. Special Excavation Application by Charles Corson, III, Executor of the Estate for Property Located at 131 Church Street, Map 03838, Block 024, Map 0024: Submitted for the record are the following: Waiver request letter, dated 11/14/2022 from Daniel Blanchette of J&D Civil Engineers, LLC for the Excavation Permit for Charles Corson, III, Estate for property located at 131 Church Street as described in Section 116.13a (blasting) of the Zoning Regulations, Traffic Study Report dated November 2022 prepared by KWH Enterprise, LLC, and Revised Grading Plan dated 11/14/2022.

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Daniel Blanchette of J&D Civil Engineers, LLC dated 11/14/2022 requesting an extension to 12/31/2022 to give the Town time to review the traffic report and revised plans. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to grant an extension to 12/31/2022 for Charles Corson, III Executor of the Estate for property located at 131 Church Street. All voted in favor of the motion.

D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 473 Main Street: L. Cooper stated that he did not check out this property. J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Discussion Regarding Resident Trooper Program: Discussion was held regarding the Resident State Trooper Program. L. Cooper outlined his proposal to move forward with gathering information. **December** – D. Shippee shall reach out to Troop D and get the actual cost of having a resident state trooper and the length of contact. L. Cooper shall reach out to Plainfield Police Department and gather the same information. **January** - The Board of Selectmen could decide which program to pursue and present one option to residents at an informational meeting/workshop or present both options. This will not be an expense for the 2023-2024 Selectmen's Budget.

May/June – Hold an exit poll at the budget referendum to get the resident's opinion on whether or not they want to move forward with the resident trooper program. **June/July** – Present to the Board of Finance asking for approval for an expenditure from the General Fund to support the program.

The final step is to hold a Town meeting. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table this item to the next meeting. 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 11/16/2022 in the amount of \$343,444.83. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

c. Consider & Act on Re-Appointment of Frank Bood, Ross Farrugia, Alternate Jason McLevy, and Alternate Jon Turban (3 yr. term 12/1/2025) to Planning & Zoning Commission:

J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to re-appoint Frank Bood, 230 Harris Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Ross Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Alternate Jason McLevy, 48 Miller Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Alternate Jon Turban, 21 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 12/1/2025 to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: None.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary