

February 1, 2023

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

Selectmen present: Lincoln Cooper and Jack Joslyn. Selectmen absent: David Shippee

Staff present: Susanne Tetreault.

Also present: Kim Gunn, Bus Coordinator

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

Audience of Citizens: K. Gunn asked the Board what the status is on the purchasing of new buses. There have been no purchases of buses for the last 3 years. There has been discussion on how to meet the goals of improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emission. Connecticut law is now requiring that all school buses be zero emission by 2040. Discussion has been made on how we are going to transform the fleet to meet those goal. L. Cooper asked K. Gunn to set up a meeting with Savino Transportation, Inc. the Bus Contractor for the Town of Scotland, Scotland Elementary School and Parish Hill Middle/Senior High School to demonstrate their propane buses.

Approval of Minutes: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 1/18/2023 meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: L. Cooper received two resignation letters. One from Susanne Tetreault "Regrettably I need to resign from the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station Commission. At the present time I do not have the time to devote to the Committee. The second letter was from John J Mackie of the Water Pollution Control Authority. "I would like to inform you that I am resigning from my position on the Water Pollution Control Authority effective immediately. Due to current work schedule change (days to nights) and a tremendous increase in responsibilities and operational tempo at work I feel I can no longer serve in an effective capacity on the WPCA board. My current term was set to expire on 4 March 2023. Thank you for the opportunity for the professional and personal development that you have provided me the last couple of years. J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept Susanne Tetreault and John Mackie's resignations with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Energy Committee, Family Day, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Recreation Authority Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals): J. Joslyn 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.

b. Discussion Regarding Resident Trooper Program: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the bills for \$123,101.43. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

c. Request for Dissolution of the Sterling Recreation Authority- On January 9th 2023 The Sterling Recreation Authority unanimously voted in favor to dissolve The Sterling Recreation Authority. M. Zizka, Town Attorney has drafted up an ordinance to dissolve The Sterling Recreation Authority. A Town Meeting will be scheduled to address this matter.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: J. Joslyn made a motion to amend the agenda to Consider and Act on Application 23-01 for a Driveway Construction Permit, 0 Sterling Hill Rd. L. Cooper seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

L. Cooper stated there were no site line issues for this property. J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve driveway construction permit #23-01 for property located at 0 Sterling Hill Road. All voted in favor.

Adjournment: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Susanne Tetreault, Recording Secretary