

May 03, 2023

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: Susanne Tetreault

Also present: Residents in attendance

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

Audience of Citizens: Victoria Robinson-Lewis presented to the Selectmen an updated proposed Roaming Animals Ordinance. L. Cooper is having the proposed Ordinance forwarded to the Town Attorney for his review.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the 4/19/2023 meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: L. Cooper presented to the Board a letter from the Sterling Family Day “ The Sterling Family Day Committee would like your consideration and approval to add Natasha Ignacio to the Sterling Family Day Committee. She would be filling an opening on the remainder of this years term 2023. Each term there after is 3 years.” D. Shippee made a motion seconded by J. Joslyn to add Natasha Ignacio to the Sterling Family Day. All voted in favor of the motion. L. Cooper also presented a resignation letter from Andrew Molodich. ”I would like to thank the Sterling Family Day Committee for the volunteer and experience opportunities that it has given me over the past year. I feel that I have not been able to dedicate my full potential to this position, for the committee is most active during my busiest time of the year. Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a volunteer to the Sterling Family Day Committee, effective two weeks from today’s date, May 6, 2023. I would like to thank you for your time and understanding and wish you the best moving forward. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (860) 608-2513.” D Shippee made a motion, seconded by J Joslyn to accept Andrew Molodich resignation with regret from the Sterling Family Day. All voted in favor of the motion. L. Cooper presented to the Board a resignation letter from Craig Bein. “ I have to resign from the EDC Commission as of April 30th 2023. I have other commitments; I have conflicts on the same night as the meeting nights. I want to thank you for the opportunity.” D. Shippee made a motion seconded, by J. Joslyn to except Craig Bein resignation with regret from the Economic Development Commission. 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): 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. Discussion Regarding Resident Trooper Program: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to have an informational meeting set up for residents to come and ask questions and get information about the Resident Trooper Program. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider and Act on Transferring Responsibility of Sand & Gravel/Excavation to the Planning & Zoning Commission: J. Joslyn made a motion, seconded by D. Shippee to table transferring responsibility of Sand & Gravel/Excavation to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

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

b. Consider & Act on Salary Study – Randy Frank D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve a Salary Study by Randy Frank. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider and Act on Generator and Associated Improvement Bids at the Sterling Municipal Building. The Board of Selectmen received the following six (6) bids on the Generator and Associated Improvements at the Sterling Municipal Building. J. E. Shea Electric, Inc.-\$258,000.00, Tower Generator Systems, LLC,-\$212,679.00, Millennium Electric-\$239,840.00, Holzner Construction-\$399,000.00 with an upsize subbase fuel tank to a 2050 gallon capacity additional \$30,000.00, Prime Electric-\$240,000.00, R&C Electric-\$ 218,715.00. D. Shippee made a motion,

seconded by J. Joslyn to have the Board of Selectmen review the bids and table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Request for Refund for Driveway Apron bond #22-03 A. Kausch – 217 Snake Meadow Hill Rd. Andrew Kausch from A. Kausch & Sons LLC has requested release of driveway bond #22-03 in the amount of \$1,500.00. L. Cooper reported the driveway apron has been properly installed. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to release driveway apron bond #22-03 in the amount of \$1,500.00 to A. Kausch & Sons 15 Beach View Rd Ext. Voluntown, Ct. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Scott Blinkhorn and Geoffrey Cooper to (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2028) to the Economic Development Commission. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to re-appoint S. Blinkhorn, 180 Woodland Rd, Moosup, Ct 06354, Geoffrey Cooper, 111 Sterling Road, Sterling Ct 06377 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2028 to the Economic Development Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Discussion Regarding Roaming Livestock Ordinance. D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to table the Roaming Livestock Ordinance until it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Selectmen: No other business to come before the board.

Adjournment: D. Shippee made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Susanne Tetreault, Recording Secretary