

**Sterling Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 7:00pm
Sterling Municipal Building Room #15**

Members Present: Chairman Robert Salisbury, Vice Chairman Neil Delmonico, James Molodich, Steve Offiler, and Tracie Adams

Also Present: First Selectman Lincoln Cooper, Selectman David Shippee, Selectman Jack Joslyn and Recording Secretary Melissa Bradley

- I. **Call to Order:** R. Salisbury called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All stood to honor the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Consider and Act on the request by the BOS for the purchase of two new buses - Capital Bus & Vans Account - \$226,240.00:** Currently the Town has 13 buses. There is a trade in value of approximately \$1,000 for the old buses. Extensive research was done on what the Town needs and discussed at the last meeting.
J. Molodich made a motion to approve the purchase of two new buses, in the amount of \$226,240.00, from the Capital Bus & Vans Account. N. Delmonico seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. **Consider and Act on the request by the BOS for Roof Replacement at the Sterling Municipal Building - Capital Facility Maintenance Fund - \$220,102.52 plus possible cost of sheathing:** The Board of Selectmen received and reviewed bids for this project. The Roofing Store in Plainfield was chosen. They have done work for the Town in the past and have a professional reputation. There is a 10% contingency included in the cost. S. Offiler made a motion to approve the roof replacement at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$220,102.52. N. Delmonico seconded the motion. If there are additional costs beyond the contingency, the BOS will need to request additional funds from the BOF. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. **Consider and Act on a one-time appropriation for the American Legion Ambulance Fund Inc. - Town's General Fund Balance - \$20,000:** This service used to be volunteers but now most of the help is paid. With this cost and rising fuel costs, the Moosup Ambulance requested \$100,000 between Sterling and Plainfield. Plainfield

appropriated \$80,000. L. Cooper comments this may become a line item in the budget to help fund this service in the future.

N. Delmonico made a motion to approve a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 to the Moosup American Legion Ambulance, from the Town's general fund balance. S. Offiler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- VI. Consider and Act on Appointing Charles Peter Rabbitt, 5 year term expiring 11/18/2025:** Christine Farrugia submitted her resignation to the Board of Selectmen. Charles Peter Rabbitt has volunteered to fill the vacancy. He has previously served on this board, as well as the Board of Selectmen. He is on the November ballot for a seat on this board, this will be revisited if needed after elections.

N. Delmonico made a motion to appoint Charles Peter Rabbitt to the seat vacated by Christine Farrugia, with a term expiring 11/18/2025. T. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- VII. Adjournment:** N. Delmonico made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Adams seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary