TOWN OF STERLING Select Board Meeting February 24, 2021

MEETING:

Chairman Cranson, called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Roll Call: Chairman Cranson – Present. Select member Sonnenberg – Participated remotely. Selectman Kilcoyne – Present. Also present were Town Administrator, Ross Perry and Senior Executive Assistant, Kama Jayne and Operations Manager, Fred Aponte.

Executive Session

At 5:03 pm, Selectman Kilcoyne moved to enter into executive session for Reason 3, M.G.L. c.30 Sec. 21(a) Litigation. MacLeod Vs The Town of Sterling. The Board will return to public session. Select member Sonnenberg -2^{nd} . Chairman Cranson - Aye. Select member Sonnenberg - Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion Carried.

At 5:46 Selectman Kilcoyne moved to return to public session. Select member Sonnenberg – 2^{nd} . Chairman Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion Carried.

Million Dollar Beach Bond The State, million dollar bond for the beach was part of the 2018 Environmental Bond Bill. We have reached out to our legislators to find out how to release the funds so that we can move forward with the plans to mitigate the run-off problems that are negatively impacting the lake.

Sterling Inn

Treasurer, Vicky Smith joined remotely and reported that the land attorney for the Town has seen some movement on the tax taking of the Sterling Inn property. Therefore, the Board will wait to see if counsel is able to get resolution. Photos were taken this morning to prove the the property's severe state of dilapidation. The photos will be submitted to the land court.

Botanist Annual Stipend

The annual stipend due to the Town from the Botanist, per the host agreement, was in arrears. Ex. Assistant Kama Jayne was able to make contact with the General manager. The \$100,000.00 is approved and scheduled to be wired to the Town 's Account tomorrow morning. Fred Aponte will reach out to the Botanist regarding the host agreement that states that the company will pay 3% of recreational marijuana sales to the Town.

Use of Airport and date for Annual Town Meeting

The Board has received approval of the property owner to use the airport for the Town Meeting. However, permission by the property renter also needs to be granted. The inquiry for permission will be posed to Mr. Simpson. After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne made a motion to moved the Annual Town Meeting from May 3rd to June 14th. Select member Sonnenberg – 2nd. Chairman Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion Carried.

PSAs

- The scholarship application is available on the Town website.
- Nomination papers are now available through the clerk's office.

Adjourn

At 6:07 Select member Kilcoyne moved to adjourn the meeting. Select member Sonnenberg 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. Motion Carried

Materials: Agenda, tax taking info.,