## TOWN OF STERLING Select Board July 7, 2021

Chair Cranson called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Roll Call: Chair Cranson – Present. Select member Sonnenberg – Present. Select member Kilcoyne – present. Also present were Town Administrator, Kellie Hebert and Senior Executive Assistant, Kama Jayne.

Minutes

Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the minutes for June 23, 2021. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Reorganization

In regard to the reorganization, Select member Kilcoyne moved to keep the status quo until at least the end of the calendar year. Chair Cranson – 2<sup>nd</sup>. This means that Maureen Cranson would remain Chair, Arden Sonnenberg would remain Vice-Chair and John Kilcoyne would remain Clerk until at least the end of the calendar year. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Opposed. Motion carried.

Liaisons

After discussion, Select Board member Kilcoyne moved that the Select Board keep the same liaisons as last year. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried. The liaisons will continue as follows:

**Chairman Maureen Cranson** – Council on Aging, Economic Development, Fair Committee, Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Light Department/Energy Committee

**Vice Chair, Arden Sonnenberg** – Department of Public Works, Water Department, Board of Health, 1835 Town Hall Committee

**Clerk, John Kilcoyne** – Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Personnel, Labor Relations, Insurance Advisory Committee, Zoning Board

**Jointly**, the Board serves as liaisons to the Finance Committee, Capital Committee, Accounting and Treasury

Curb cut

The Board considered the approval of the Entrance to Public Ways permit application for a driveway/curb cut for 31 Osgood Road. The Fire Department approved this request as an auxiliary access with the stipulation that the existing driveway be maintained in order to circumvent the need to renumber a portion of the street. The Conservation Commission, Building Commissioner and Police have all approved this request. After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the Entrance To Public Ways permit request for 31 Osgood Road with proposed contingencies. Select member Sonnenberg 2nd. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Motion Carried.

Sterling Fair agreements

After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to sign the Fair agreement which allows the use of the Airport for the Sterling Fair. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion Carried. The Fair will take place from September 10-12.

After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to sign the Hold Harmless agreement for James Simpson in order to use his equipment for the Sterling Fair. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Motion Carried.

After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to sign the Hold Harmless agreement from HTX Helicopter which releases the Town from liability, regarding the Helicopter rides at the Sterling Fair.

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Select member Sonnenberg  $2^{nd}$ . Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Motion Carried.

#### Transfers

After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the following Alternate Year-end Appropriation transfer requests;

\$1500.00 from Select Board expenses to Town Administrator expenses

\$217.00 from Assessor's Expenses to Assessor's wages

\$261.00 from Board of Health Wages to Board of Health Inspector Salary

Select member Sonnenberg  $-2^{nd}$ . Selectman Cranson - Aye. Select member Sonnenberg - Aye.

Chairman Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **Public Session**

A citizen from Patriot's way expressed concern about the possibility of placing a town-wide composting facility behind the police station. The Board assured the people that the composting facility is still in the "discovery phase" and citizens will be given the opportunity to weigh in prior to moving forward with such a project.

Several citizens voiced their displeasure relative to the re-organization of the Board. The Board may choose to reconsider the matter after the first of the year.

### Town Administrator Report

The Board will hold a Working Session on July 28<sup>th</sup>

Welcome to Michelle Boyce, the new Assistant Town Clerk.

## Adjourn

The Board will hold a work session on July 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the direction of Inspectional Services/Building Department and the benefits of creating a Land Use & Permitting Division.

At 7:07 Select member Kilcoyne moved to adjourn the meeting. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select Member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Materials: agenda, minutes, Curb Cut Application, list of Liaisons, Town Fair Agreements, transfers