## TOWN OF STERLING Select Board November 1, 2021

Chair Cranson called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:37 pm. Roll Call: Chair Cranson – Present. Select member Sonnenberg – Present. Select member Kilcoyne – present. Senior Executive Assistant, Kama Jayne – Present. Town Accountant, Fred Aponte – Present. Attorney for the Town, Brian Masur, was also present.

Maureen Cranson, Kama Jayne and Fred Aponte chose to address the complaints against them in public session. Each gave an account of their actions on October 5 -7. Their accounts may be seen in their entirety at Stream Video - Town Hall Streams.

At approximately 6:10 pm Kellie Hebert and her attorney, John Clifford, joined the meeting. Attorney Clifford was advised that the public session, which was currently underway, was within the rights of Ms. Cranson, Ms. Jayne, and Mr. Aponte, since they had chosen to speak in public session regarding accusations against them and that Ms. Hebert's portion of the meeting would be held in Executive session, per her preference.

Select member Kilcoyne moved to dismiss all allegations and accusations against Maureen Cranson, Kama Jayne and Fred Aponte. Select member Sonnenberg  $-2^{nd}$ . John Kilcoyne - Aye. Select Member Sonnenberg - opposed. Select member Sonnenberg stated that she wants an investigation. Ms. Cranson was unable to vote. Therefore, there will be NO ACTION.

At 6:31, Select Member Cranson rejoined the Board.

Select member Kilcoyne moved to convene in Executive session with the understanding that the Board would reconvene in public session for further business. Select member Sonnenberg – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson stated the purpose of the Executive Session was Reason 1, MGL c30A, Sec.21 (a). To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select Member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select Member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

At 7:23 the Board reconvened in public session.

Select member Sonnenberg moved to appoint Fred Aponte and Kama Jayne as Co-Interim Administrators and to pay stipends to them, per the former arrangement. Select member Kilcoyne – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select Member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select Member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Select member Sonnenberg will reach out to HRS regarding the issue of the salary offer for the Recreation Directorship. HRS is currently under contract with the Town.

Adjourn

At 7:36 Chair Cranson moved to adjourn. Select member Sonnenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select Member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select Member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.