TOWN OF STERLING Select Board April 13, 2022

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. Acting Town Administrator, Kama Jayne present. Fred Aponte present remotely.

Minutes

Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the minutes for March 30, 2022 with one correction of a typo. Select member Sonnenberg 2nd. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Final Approval of Warrant

After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, with the correction of two typos. Select member Sonnenberg -2^{nd} . Select member Kilcoyne - Aye. Select member Sonnenberg - Aye. Chair Cranson - Aye. Motion carried.

Sign warrant

Select member Kilcoyne moved to sign the warrant. Select member Sonnenberg – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. Motion carried.

Municipal Hearing officer Lieutenant Kokernak requested that an alternate Municipal Hearings Officer be appointed. Deputy Chief Bob O'Connell from West Boylston has the required training and is willing to fill the position. After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to appoint Bob O'Connell as the alternate Hearing Officer. Select member Sonnenberg 2nd. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Weston and Sampson contract

DPW Superintendent, Ryan Mouradian addressed the Board regarding the Maple Street Sidewalk project. The Town has received a Complete Streets grant for \$315,678.63. The Town must pay for the design of the project and Weston & Sampson has submitted their Contract proposal. The total cost to the Town will be \$89,700.00. After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the Weston & Sampson proposal to design the Maple Street Sidewalk Project. Select member Sonnenberg – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. Motion carried. Superintendent Mouradian signed the proposal.

Land Donation "Longhill" lot

Robert Gibson and Carol Smith have offered their right and interest in that parcel of land northerly of Clinton Road (Route 62) shown on Sterling Assessors' Map 86 as Parcel 5 (formerly Assessors' Map 9, Lot 39) containing 8.3 acres, more or less, and known as the "Long Hill Lot" to the Town of Sterling. The Conservation Commission has voted to accept the piece of land. However, the Select Board was reluctant to agree to the donation due to the fact that the parcel is landlocked, without access and does not abut other conservation land. They determined that the loss in tax revenue, in exchange for the donation of the lot, was not pragmatic. After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to accept the donation of the property known as Long Hill Lot. Select member Sonnenberg – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Opposed. Select member Sonnenberg – Opposed. Chair Cranson – Opposed. Motion denied.

Adjourn

At 8:41, Select member Sonnenberg moved to adjourn. Select member Kilcoyne – 2nd. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Sonnenberg – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion carried.

Materials: agenda, Minutes, warrant, maple street sidewalk design proposal agreement, Long Hill Lot information