

TOWN OF STERLING  
Select Board  
January 18, 2023

Minutes	<p>Chair Cranson called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Roll Call: Chair Cranson – Present. Select member Smith – Present. Select member Kilcoyne – Present.</p> <p>Town Administrator, Bill Caldwell – present. Senior Executive Administrative Assistant, Kama Jayne - present.</p> <p>Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023, as amended. Select Member Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye Motion carried.</p>
Building Commissioner Contract	<p>After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to sign the inter-municipal agreement between the Town of Boylston and the Town of Sterling for the shared services of the Building Commissioner, Tony Zahariadis. Select member Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye Motion carried.</p>
Scholarship Disbursements	<p>After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to offer three \$400.00 scholarships this year with the funds being disbursed as follows; \$800.00 from the Maria Houghton scholarship fund and \$400.00 from the Butterick fund. Select member Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Cranson – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Motion Carried. Should there be fewer than 3 qualified applicants, the \$1200.00 will be disbursed accordingly.</p>
TA Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Town Administrator Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ADA Grant – Beach bathroom<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Awarded \$25,600</li></ul></li><li>• Budget Update</li><li>• Army Corps – Will review project – Swett Hill/Hall Ave</li><li>• Garden Club: Sign – Campground Road</li><li>• 1835 Easements</li></ul> <p>Project updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Playground – Installed, waiting on fence</li><li>2. Library Lift/Elevator – start with lift – will solicit quotes from vendors. Elevator will need engineering</li><li>3. School Flooring – Chocksett complete. Houghton next year.</li><li>4. Storage Building – Proposal significantly more than expected</li><li>5. Peg’s Pond – Monty Tech – Wall in spring. Sterling Greenery has removed bricks.</li><li>6. Butterick Roof – Awarded contract. Spring work</li><li>7. Town Beach – McCarty Engineers have begun survey/design. Conservation Commission hearing</li><li>8. 1835 Building Septic – Will need bid documents. Easements required. Consensus of the Board is to move forward with acquiring easements.</li><li>9. 1835 furniture –Curtains, acoustic sound panels</li><li>10. 62/140 engineering – entered into agreement with Green International</li><li>11. Maple Street sidewalks – site visit. Design begins</li><li>12. Downtown revitalization – survey plans received – bury utilities will coordinate with Ryan and Darren. Lights poles/fixtures ordered.</li></ol>

a. Design of sidewalks, road crossings, parking, etc.

ARPA Project	Approved	Spent/status
SMLD Fiber	352,000	352,000
Library Lift/Elevator	200,000	
Playground Equipment School	115,000 (130,000 citizens)	Contract approved 216,074.80
DPW Cold Storage	212,000	
62/140 Design	250,000	Contract signed 248,487.22
Water main Campground	18,550	Contract amended 18,550
Comcast – Downtown	153,068	
CLA Reporting		1325.63
Total	1,300,618	

PSAs

Taxes have risen while the tax RATE has FALLEN. When all is said and done, the taxes collected must fund the annually approved budget. Therefore, the funding needed is collected as equitably as possible with those who can afford a more expensive home, ultimately paying more than those whose homes are more modest. In this way, the Assessors establish an annual tax rate which will provide the funds that are required to keep the town running and support the services that are rendered.

The Annual Town Warrant is now open.

Nomination papers are now available until March 16.

The Facilities Maintenance Technician has taken another job, closer to home. The Board thanks her for her service and wishes her well. The job is currently posted.

Finance and Capital meeting schedule – All at 6:30, in Room 205. They will be televised.

- Jan. 24 to discuss budget
- Jan. 31 to discuss Departmental budget submittals
- Feb. 2 to discuss more Departmental budget submittals
- Feb. 7 to answer questions and address issues that may have arisen

SLCT is looking for volunteers.

Executive session

At 7:05 pm, Selectman Kilcoyne moved to enter into executive session for Reason 3, M.G.L. c.30 Sec. 21(a) Reason 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Fire and Dispatch. The Board will return to public session only to adjourn. Select member Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Cranson – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

At 7:47 Selectman Kilcoyne moved to return to public session. Select member Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Cranson – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion Carried.

At 7:47 Selectman Kilcoyne moved to adjourn. Select member Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Cranson – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Motion Carried.

Materials: agenda, minutes, inter-municipal agreement, scholarship info.