

TOWN OF STERLING

Select Board

March 1, 2023

	<p>Chair Cranson called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 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>
Minutes	<p>Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes, as written. Select Member Smith – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. Motion carried.</p>
Primrose Lane	<p>The Planning Board has held a public hearing and formally voted to forward the road acceptance petition for Primrose Lane to the Annual Town meeting. Select member Kilcoyne moved to accept the layout of Primrose Lane as a public way and to place this proposal on the ATM warrant for consideration. Select member Smith – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. The motion carried.</p>
MRPC Economic Recovery project	<p>The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission is pursuing an Economic Adjustment Assistance grant from the US Economic Development Administration to complete their planning project for (FILLTERR) – Future Industrial Lands for Long Term Economic Recovery and Resiliency. This project will help local area towns prepare for expansion of businesses in the future. Therefore, Select member Kilcoyne moved to support the MRPC’s pursuit of this \$134,073.00 grant, to conduct this comprehensive analysis. Select member Smith – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. The motion carried.</p>
Disbursement of ARPA funding	<p>After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to approve the disbursement of \$30,000.00 in ARPA funds to purchase a vehicle for the Building Commissioner’s use. Select member Smith – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. The motion carried.</p>
West Sterling School House	<p>After discussion, Select member Kilcoyne moved to place a referendum question on the warrant to determine if the voters wish to expend tax payer money for repairs and maintenance to the West Sterling School House. Select member Smith – 2nd. Select member Kilcoyne – Aye. Select member Smith – Aye. Chair Cranson – Aye. The motion carried.</p> <p>The old school house is located in West Sterling and was used by the Town in the 1800s.</p>
TA Report	<p style="text-align: center;">Town Administrator Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ School preliminary 4.91%○ Need Monty Tech number○ Capital recommended projects – 2 outstanding○ Finance will need to make recommendations on budget○ TA to develop financing plan. Use input from advisory committees• North Central Chamber of Commerce welcome sign donation• Warrant• Downtown/Maple Street. Maple Street project should be underway this year.

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- Progress is on time as presented by W&S
- Water main, drainage, roadway, parking, sidewalks, pedestrian crossing
- Sidewalks on Maple – ROW issues -notice to certain properties

Project updates:

1. Playground – Installed, waiting on fence
2. Library Lift/Elevator – Otis for elevator modernization
3. School Flooring – Chocksett complete. Houghton next year
4. Storage Building – Exploring new options
5. Peg's Pond – Monty Tech – Wall in spring. Sterling Greenery has removed bricks.
6. Butterick Roof – Awarded contract. Spring work
7. Town Beach – McCarty Engineers have begun survey/design. Conservation Commission hearing
8. 1835 Building Septic – Will need bid documents. Easements required.
9. 1835 – Install acoustic tiles, suspended ceiling downstairs, window protection on stage
10. 62/140 engineering – entered into agreement with Green International
11. Maple Street sidewalks – ROW, Design underway
12. Downtown revitalization – survey plans received – bury utilities will coordinate with Ryan and SMLD. Lights poles/fixtures ordered.
 - a. Design of sidewalks, road crossings, parking, etc.

ARPA Project	Approved	Spent/status
SMLD Fiber	352,000	352,000
Library Lift/Elevator	200,000	47000
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

A special thanks to the DPW for their work in cleaning up after the last snow storm.
The Town scholarship application is on the website. It is due by April 10th.

Adjourn

At 7:00 Selectman Kilcoyne moved to adjourn. Select member Smith – 2nd. Chairman Cranson – Aye.
Select member Smith – Aye. Select member Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion Carried.

Materials: agenda, minutes, MRPC letter of support, Primrose Lane notice from PB, ARPA request, school house info.