

**Sterling Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall – Room #15**

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Selectmen present:** Jack Joslyn, Patricia Massey, & Ronald Whitcomb.

**Selectmen absent:**

**Staff present:** Judith Stumpo-Revenue Collector, Jim Sweet-Fire Marshall, & Ashley StJean-Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audience of Citizens:** Cathy Levine, Karen Izzo, Charlie Corson, Bryan Fitzgerald, Lana Salisbury, & Debi Kandzerski.

- a. L. Salisbury discussed the Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH)'s *Regional Opioid Prevention Services Proposal*. She advised that she is Sterling's representative of the NDDH & that Sterling is expecting money from a litigation suit regarding opioids. She further advised that any questions can be directed to her or Luigi Sartori from NDDH.
- b. C. Levine questioned for clarification on the two (2) correspondence letters from "Walker Land Investments, LLC" & advised that it was "spam".
  - ✚ J. Joslyn acknowledged C. Levine's question & advised that correspondence was received & after doing research confirmed that the two letters from "Walker Land Investments, LLC" were fake/spam.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. R. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by P. Massey, to approve the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Correspondence:**

- a. **America 250**-P. Massey made a motion, seconded by R. Whitcomb, to designate Ashley StJean as the municipality's contact to ensure Sterling gets all updates for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence (July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026). Motion carried 3-0.
  - ✚ J. Sweet asked if fireworks were planned on being involved. J. Joslyn advised that he didn't believe so. (This is separate from the *Red, White, & Blue Celebration* that Lincoln Cooper presented at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting.)
- b. **Walker Land Investments, LLC (3.326-acre lot located at 10 Main Street)**-J. Joslyn advised that after conducting some research, this company appears to be fake/spam.
- c. **Walker Land Investments, LLC (7.68-acre lot located on Industrial Park Road)**-J. Joslyn advised that after conducting some research, this company appears to be fake/spam.
- d. **Eversource**-J. Joslyn advised that Eversource has regular tree maintenance scheduled to begin in February 2026 & that he will be taking training needed as the Town's Tree Warden.
- e. **Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC)**-J. Joslyn advised that this will be passed along to the Treasurer to get put on the budget.

### Unfinished Business:

- a. **Discussion regarding new camera, Wi-Fi, & heavy-duty locking electric covers for the Gazebo: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that all the material/equipment arrived & that IT needs to set everything up but are just waiting for the snow to clear.
- b. **Discussion regarding 72" culvert pipes: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that the 72" culvert pipes are up on the government auction site.
  - ✚ P. Massey requested clarification about what road the culvert pipes were originally purchased for. A. StJean advised the culvert pipes were originally purchased for Snake Meadow Hill Road.
- c. **Discussion regarding new *Street Takeover* law: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that the Attorney sent an updated draft of the Ordinance. He further advised that we are still waiting for clarification of a few items from the Attorney before moving forward.
- d. ***Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)* request for extension: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that we missed the deadline for this & that Sara Sleboda is looking into possible grants for this. He also advised that P. Massey should be working on this as well.
  - ✚ P. Massey advised that she has not found anything out yet.
- e. **Sterling Pond Dam CT Dam ID# 13601 Inspection: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that he contacted Matt Maynard from Towne Engineering who will be conducting three (3) inspections: 1-with snow on the ground, 2-in the springtime, & 3-in the fall after the leaves drop from the trees.
- f. **Lincoln Cooper's *Red, White, & Blue Celebration* for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America: Update-J.** Joslyn advised that there is no update at this time.
  - ✚ R. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by P. Massey, to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- g. **Discussion regarding overview of Water Filtration Plant DWSRF Application & Funding Process: Update-J.** Stumpo advised that there is no update at this time.
  - ✚ R. Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by P. Massey to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
    - P. Massey expressed her concern about this project being so expensive & expressed her opinion of how the Town shouldn't move forward with the Water Filtration Plant.

### New Business:

- a. **Bryan Fitzgerald presenting for Husky Solar-B.** Fitzgerald gave a detailed presentation on the proposed solar panel project involving the towns of Sterling & Plainfield. He engaged with the residents in the audience & answered questions.
- b. **Consider & Act on funds required to repair water damage in the old Story Hour Room for the "Installation of Drop/Suspended Ceiling, Removal & Replacement of Electrical Fixtures" job-P.** Massey made a motion, seconded by R. Whitcomb, to approve & send to the Board of Finance for their approval, Mark Finley, Jr.'s quote of \$7,500.00 required to repair water damage in the old Story Hour Room for the "Installation of Drop/Suspended Ceiling, Removal & Replacement of Electrical Fixtures" job. Motion carried 3-0.
  - ✚ P. Massey requested that an itemized bill be provided for this.
- c. **Discussion regarding proposed ordinances-J.** Stumpo advised that there are three (3) proposed ordinances to address:
  - 1. A revision needs to be made to the current ordinance which allows the Town to withhold building permits for delinquent property taxes, to include delinquent sewer &/or water charges as well. If resident is enduring severe hardship, the Board of Selectmen could provide a waiver.
  - 2. An ordinance is needed to allow the Revenue Collector to collect all sewer use & connection fees.

3. An ordinance is needed to allow paid municipal employees to be able to be on the following Boards & Commissions:
  - Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission
  - Planning & Zoning Commission
  - Zoning Board of Appeals
    - ❖ Would need an extra step in the application process where the Board of Selectmen would confirm that there are no conflicts with the applicant applying for said Board or Commission.
- d. **Approval of Bills**-P. Massey made a motion, seconded by R. Whitcomb, to approve the monthly Invoices for \$138,783.35. Motion carried 3-0.
- e. **Treasurer's Report**-Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Selectmen.

**Any other Business to come before the Board of Selectmen:**

- a. P. Massey questioned if the Town has any ordinances in place pertaining to having numerous unregistered vehicles in one yard.
  - ✚ J. Joslyn advised that there is no junkyard or blight ordinances in place as when it was proposed in the past it was voted down by the Town.
- b. P. Massey adamantly requested that the Town post the Boards & Commissions meeting dates & times in the Turnpike Buyer.
  - ✚ J. Joslyn advised that the Town will this one time post the Boards & Commissions meeting dates & times in the Turnpike Buyer.

**Adjournment:** P. Massey made a motion, seconded by R. Whitcomb, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Attest: *Ashley Stjean*  
Recording Secretary