TRI-BOARD Meeting Minutes
Sterling Board of Finance
Sterling Board of Education
Sterling Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
6:30pm

STERLING COMMUNITY SCHOOL
(Community Room)
251 Sterling Road
Sterling, CT 06377

I. The meeting of the Tri-Board was called to order by Courtney Langlois (Board of Education Chair) at 6:30pm.

Present at the meeting:

Board of Education Members: Courtney Langlois (Board Chair), Jennifer Mossner (Board Vice Chair), Victoria Robinson-Lewis (Treasurer), John Brady (Vice Treasurer), Catherine Malo (Board Member), Benjamin Johnston (Board Member)

Board of Finance Members:
Robert Salisbury (Chairman), Neil Delmonico (Vice Chair), James Molodich (Board Member), Charles Rabbit (Board Member), David Malo (Board Member)

Absent: Tracie Adams (Board Member)

Board of Selectmen Members: Myron (Jack) Joslyn (First Selectman), Patricia Massey (Selectman), Ronald Whitcomb (Selectman)

Also present: Theodore Friend (Superintendent)
Sara Howley (BOE Business Manager)
Christine Chandler (BOE Clerk)
Judy Stumpo (Town Revenue Collector)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**.**

III. BOARD OF FINANCE:

A. Hiring a New Auditor

1. RFP has resulted in a 3 year contract possibility

R. Salisbury noted that they had just come from a BOF meeting where they had voted to secure a five (5) year contract with King and King.

B. Capital Account Developments

R. Salisbury reported that the Board of Finance is currently structuring the capital accounts using a portion of the General Account surplus, ensuring an adequate reserve remains for emergencies. The board aims to actively deploy these funds for the town's benefit. Moving forward, expenditures will be strictly managed through a granular, fiscally responsible framework designed to mitigate future tax increases.

C. Major Project: To Improve the Budget Making Process for the Town

R. Salisbury noted that the Board of Finance will collaborate with J. Joslyn and S. Howley to develop structured priority lists, schedules, and measurable timelines. These materials will be submitted to the board to facilitate a thorough evaluation, this initiative is slated to commence early in the fall.

IV. BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A. Water Filtration Plant

J. Joslyn stated that the town is working on a grant for 5 million dollars for the construction of a 100/gal per minute water filtration plant. The only way to remove the contaminates in the water is for the town to build a water filtration plant. The town is getting ready to do an RFQ and starting the first step of sending it out to engineering companies for their qualifications.

B. Upcoming Plans for Road Resurfacing

Town officials J. Joslyn, P. Massey, R. Witcomb, and R. Salisbury are currently developing a comprehensive five-year capital plan to upgrade our local infrastructure and improve road resurfacing throughout the community. As part of this initial phase, four specific roads are slated for upcoming resurfacing: Dixon Road, Newport Road, Snake Meadow Hill Road, and Hell Hollow Road. The estimated cost for these initial road improvements is approximately $525,000. Leadership aims to finalize this long-term capital plan and publicly post the Request for Proposals (RFP) within the next few months to begin the bidding process for the work.

C. Capital Plans for Capital Accounts

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the Board of Finance (BOF) are actively collaborating to establish capital plans utilizing the funds approved in October 2025. As part of this effort, the IT capital account plan has officially received approval, and C. Luba and C. Brown are already executing the first-year system upgrades. With the IT phase underway, officials will next focus their attention on developing the plan for the facilities maintenance account.

D. Any Upcoming Maintenance Needed

J. Joslyn reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) needs to expand its current garage due to a severe shortage of operational space. This expansion is a long-term project that requires several structural steps, including obtaining approvals from the finance committee and securing local town permits. The upcoming facility maintenance capital plan will outline this expansion along with other future projects. Currently, spending for this account is strictly limited to maintaining existing town buildings.

E. General Update on the Recreation Department

J. Joslyn publicly commended Jenny Jamroz for her outstanding leadership at the Sterling Recreation Department, noting that the program is thriving under her direction. Her innovative efforts have generated the highest department revenue the town has seen in years. By introducing diverse new activities tailored for children, adults, and families, she has significantly increased community engagement. Thanks to her hard work, the recreation department is currently experiencing great success.

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION:

A. Zero Emission Bus Legislation HB5464

S. Howley updated the Tri-board members on the progress of zero-emission bus legislation, distributing copies of the newly passed bill to all members. The new law mandates that 50% of school buses must be zero-emission vehicles by 2035, with the requirement increasing to 90% of all municipal fleets by 2040. She highlighted a significant challenge, noting that state or federal funding is currently unavailable to help towns cover the costs of this transition. She will continue to monitor the bill's implementation and provide updates as new information develops.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke during the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by D. Malo and seconded by C. Malo to adjourn the meeting.
  - Vote: All in favor
  - Outcome: Motion passed
  - Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.