

January 15, 2014

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson and Rosalind Choquette (6:12 p.m.).

Also present-Neil Cook and Jeff Griffin.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was suspended as it was done at the special meeting.

Audience of Citizens: No comments.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray, to approve the 12/18/13 special meeting minutes with the correction to #3 Budget Preparation ... The Selectmen will start working on their proposed "14-15" budget in January instead of "13-14". All voted in favor of the motion.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray, to approve the 12/18/13 regular meeting minutes with the correction to New Business, Item a. ... term as members of the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station Commission effective "12/31/13 to 12/31/14" instead of "1/31/13 to 1/31/14". All voted in favor of the motion.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the 1/2/14 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Commission Vacancies (Alternates P&Z and Family Day Committee):** As there were no candidates, this item was tabled.
- b. **Town Meeting Dates for Renters of Town Property with Option to Buy:** R. Gray stated that Sharon Chviek, Economic Development Coordinator, will talk to the renters of the property located at 1110 Plainfield Pike.
- c. **Consider and Act on Bonding Requirements – C. Corson Excavation for 0 Sterling Road:** R. Gray reported that C. Corson gave the bond to Towne Engineering, who in turn gave the bond to the Kari Olsen, attorney for the Town, and he is waiting to hear back. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to table this item until the bond matter is resolved. All voted in favor of the motion.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to reduce C. Corson's bill by twenty percent (20%) for services performed by the Town Engineer from 7/30/12 through 7/31/13 due to the Town from \$11,375.00 to \$9,100.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

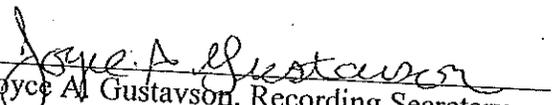
- a. **Schedule Special Town Meeting for Additional Appropriation for FY Ending June 30, 2013 and Additional Property to be Accepted by the Town:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 for an additional appropriation from the General Fund Balance to the Selectmen's Budget for FY Ending June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$22,222 to cover the budget deficit and for additional property to be accepted by Town. All voted in favor of the motion.
- b. **Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the following refund requests: 1) Glenda R. Savage, PO Box 86, Oneco, CT 06373-0086 for \$38.59; 2) Brian E. Arnio, 556 Margaret Henry Rd., Sterling, CT 06377 for \$3,228.12. All voted in favor of the motion.
- c. **Sterling Pond Dam Inspection:** R. Gray reported that he received a letter from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) stating that the State will no longer inspect Sterling Pond Dam, transferring responsibility to the owner. He contacted Towne Engineering to see if they would inspect the dam every other year and is waiting to hear back. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table until we get a response from Towne Engineering. All voted in favor of the motion.
- d. **2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget:** R. Gray reported that staff has been asked to submit budget proposals by 1/30/2014. Table to the next meeting.
- e. **Sale of Acreage at 1114 Plainfield Pike:** Jeff Griffin, representing the Oneco Fire Department wanted an update as to what is going on regarding the sale of five (5) acres of land behind the old Town Hall located at 1114 Plainfield Pike. He reported that the firemen do not want any part of a 99 year lease. R. Gray stated that under advice from the Town attorney, it is better for the Town to lease and not give the land to the Oneco Fire Department. J. Griffin will follow through with the firemen as to why they do not want to lease the land and get back to the Selectmen.
- f. **Consider and Act on Re-appointments to Family Day Committee:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to re-appoint Jody Cameron, 11 Lake Street, Moosup, CT 06374; Mark Leach, 19 Gibson Lane, Sterling, CT 06377; Judith Gooslin, 1285 Plainfield Pike, Sterling, CT 06377; Don Buell, 209 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377; and June Bonner, 530 Sterling Road, PO Box 223, Sterling, CT 06377 as regular members of the Family Day Committee for four (4) year terms that expire 1/2/2018. All voted in favor of the motion.
- g. **Consider and Act on a Resolution Regarding the Regional Performance Incentive Program:** J. Firlik will review the resolution and report back at the next regular meeting. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table to the 2/5/2014 meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.
- h. **Consider and Act on Mileage Reimbursement:** According to the Internal Revenue Service Bulletin, Section 3: Standard Mileage Rates, dated 12/23/2013, the standard mileage rate for transportation for travel expenses is .56 cents per mile for all miles of business use. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to use .56 cents, the

standard mileage rate for transportation for travel expenses effective 1/1/2014. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest:


Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary