

April 2, 2014

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlík. Staff present-Joycè Gustavson.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlík, to approve the 3/19/2014, and 3/26/2014 special meeting as presented, and the 3/19/2014 regular meeting minutes with the correction under "Also present" Frank T. Lane instead of "Frank ToLane". All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Alternates P&Z and Family Day Committee): Brian Kelly expressed interest in joining the Planning and Zoning Commission.

No candidates for Family Day Committee. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlík, to table to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Schedule Special Town Meeting Date for Renters of Town Property with Option to Buy: A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/23/2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Room #15 for the sale of Town Property located at 1110 Plainfield Pike, aka, Salon 41, for the appraised price of \$75,000.

c. Consider and Act on Bonding Requirements – C. Corson Excavation for 0 Sterling Road: R. Gray has a meeting with C. Corson and David Held from Provost and Rovero, Inc. to check the completion and restoration of Phase I property located at 0 Sterling Road to determine if the bond in the amount of \$11,025 can be reduced. J. Firlík made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to table to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget: The Board of Selectmen met earlier tonight with individual staff members to discuss the proposed 2014-2015 Selectmen's budget. The next Special budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 4/3/2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The proposed 2014-2015 Board of Selectmen's budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on 4/9/2014.

e. 2014-2015 Local Capital Improvement Plan: The Board of Selectmen will present the 2014-2015 Local Capital Improvement Plan to the Board of Finance on 4/9/2014.

f. Excavation Ordinance: No new information.

g. Handicap Motor Vehicle Exemptions: K. Fishman, Assessor, passed out the following information: a draft of a proposed ordinance for the Tax Exemption for Certain Motor Vehicles Specially Adapted for Persons with Disabilities, a copy of the authorizing State Statute, CGS 12-81c and a list of some of the Connecticut towns that have authorized exemptions under CGS 12-81c. K. Fishman stated that over 75 towns participate in this tax exemption. For Grand List 2012, the Town would lose approximately \$1,877 in tax dollars. John Firlík made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to send the proposed motor vehicle exemption ordinance to the Town attorney for review. All voted in favor of the motion.

h. Water Meter Reader: R. Gray reported that Tim Reinke expressed an interest in reading the meters and will go with Dale Clark on Friday, 4/4/2014 to learn the route and

see what needs to be done to file the paperwork with the Revenue Collector's. T. Reinke will then contact R. Gray regarding the position.

i. Schedule Special Town Meeting for the Procurement Ordinance: A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/23/2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Room #15.

New Business:

a. Schedule a Special Town Meeting – Falls Creek Conservation Easement: Kari Olson, Town attorney emailed R. Gray a draft copy of the proposed Falls Creek Farm – Conservation Easement changes to review with the Board of Selectmen. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to accept the conservation easement language for Falls Creek Farm. All voted in favor of the motion. An 8-24 referral will need to be submitted at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting before a Town meeting can be scheduled.

b. Consider and Act on Bus Bids: Table to the next meeting.

c. Consider and Act on Steap Grant Resolution – Gibson Hill Road: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, State monies are available under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), administered by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of municipal capital projects pursuant to Public Act 05-194; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sterling has opted into the STEAP Program Pursuant to Public Act 05-194; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in public interest that the Town of Sterling makes an application to the State for \$500,000 in STEAP funds in order to make repairs and improvements to Gibson Hill Road and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF STERLING: That the filing of an application by the Town of Sterling in the amount of \$500,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Secretary, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Sterling.

All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider and Act on CIRMA Liability – Auto-Property & Worker's Comp: R. Gray reported on his meeting with Lindsay Bitonti, Underwriter for Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) and Betsy Chamberland from Frank Chamberland Agency regarding the fifth year of CIRMA's Budget Stabilization program for both Liability-Automobile-Property and Workers' Compensation. Currently the Town has \$2,000,000 in coverage for a cost of \$68,887 for Property and Auto and \$58,735 for Workers' Compensation. To increase the coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, it would cost an additional \$1,478 and \$2,523 to increase coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

L. Cooper made a motion to increase the liability coverage to \$3,000,000 for an additional cost of \$1,478. Discussion was held. L. Cooper made a motion to withdraw his motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

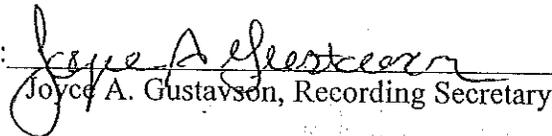
L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table action on the CIRMA Liability coverage to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Proposed Increase to ZBA Application Fee: The Planning and Zoning Commission has referred the ZBA Application Fee increase to the Board of Selectmen for guidance. ZBA is asking to increase the application fee from \$310 to \$600 (\$540 application and \$60 State). Three legal notices are published for every application. R. Gray will contact J. Rabbitt, Town Planner to discuss this further. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) K. Fishman reported that Ron Olsen from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture visited eleven (11) properties in Sterling that were classified as Farmland under PA 490. Of the eleven (11) properties visited, K. Fishman is proposing to declassify six (6) of them for the 2014 Grand List. She sent each property owner a letter discussing the reasons for declassification and possible remedies. She reported the declassifications would increase the 2014 Grand List by approximately \$154,210 and bring in approximately \$4,800 in tax revenue. 2) Rite Aid Pharmacy has submitted a request to use the fields at the Sterling Park located on Route 14 on May 10 (rain date May 17) to host a Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Children's Hospital in Hartford. Activities will include a duck race, face painting, grilling station, etc. Rite Aid Pharmacy will provide a "Certificate of Liability Insurance". J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table until Rite Aid submits the "Certificate of Liability Insurance". All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest:


Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary