

May 20, 2014

Call to order: The special meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

Attending was First Selectman Russell Gray, Selectman Lincoln Cooper, Selectman John Firlik Board of Finance Member Neil Cook and Admin. Assistant-Judy Lincoln.

Consider and act on Board of Finance cut of \$109,644 to 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget: Copies of proposed cuts were submitted and reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board to make the following changes to the 2014-2015 Selectmen's Budget:

Pay raises would be cut to 1½ % instead of 3% providing \$8,000 in savings  
Community Programs will be restored to requested funding-Access Agency \$500 from \$250, Community Kitchens \$1,000 from \$500, Eastern CT Conservation \$500 from \$250, QV Senior Citizens \$1,000 from \$500, QV Youth Services \$1,993 from \$1,000, Sexual Assault \$1,000 from \$500, Substance Abuse Council \$575 from \$300, and United Service \$2,169 from \$1,085. Resulting in an increase of \$4,352.

Legal Services cut to \$15,000 from \$25,000 saving \$10,000.

Library-Book, Magazines, & Reference Materials cut to \$7,500 from \$9,000 saving \$1,500

Library-Wages cut to \$50,000 from \$52,795 saving \$2,795.00

Planning & Zoning Legal Expenses cut to \$7,500 from \$10,000 saving \$2,500

RPJ Community Center Heat cut to \$1,000 from \$6,000 saving \$5,000

RPJ Community Center Lights cut to \$1,000 from \$4,500 saving \$3,500

RPJ Community Center Maintenance cut to \$1,000 from \$3,000 saving \$2,000

Snow Removal Equipment Maintenance was restored to \$5,000 from \$3,000 increasing this item \$2,000.

Town Garage Telephone cut to \$250 from \$1,000 saving \$750.00

Town Hall Expenses Lights cut to \$25,000 from \$27,500 saving \$2,500

Town Hall Expenses Office Equipment & Repair cut to \$15,000 from \$16,000 saving \$1,000

Employee Benefits Insurance cut to \$130,000 from \$138,000 saving \$8,000

Water Meter Reading cut to \$1,000 from \$1,500 saving \$500.00

Employees 65 and older that switch to Medicare Part B and supplement will not be required to co-pay on their insurance.

RPJ Community Center Telephone will be clarified as Telephone Alarm System

Town Hall Expenses Heat will be clarified as Heat/Furnace Maintenance

Revenue Collector Assistant will be funded at 16 hours per week at \$19.56 and therefore not eligible for insurance coverage.

Water & Sewer Meter Reader will be changed to just Water Meter Reader.

Proposed Revenue differences will be eliminated.

These items will be revised in the 2014-2015 Selectmen's Budget and reviewed at the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Lincoln Cooper made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. seconded by John Firlik with all voting in favor.

Attest:

Judith K. Lincoln  
Admin. Assist.