

August 6, 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 Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson, and Kara Fishman (6:20 p.m.).

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited as the meeting location was changed from Room #15 to the Conference Room and there was no flag in the room.

Audience of Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the 7/16/2014 regular meeting minutes and the 7/30/2014 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. **Commission Vacancies (Alternate P&Z and Family Day Committee):** No candidate for the P&Z Commission. Ray Locicero has expressed interest in joining the Family Day Committee. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Ray Locicero, 3 Courtney Lane, Sterling, CT to the Family Day Committee to fill the vacancy by Harly Dinola to a four (4) year term ending 01/02/2016. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. **Excavation Ordinance:** Jamie Rabbitt is in the process of reviewing comments that he received from Atty. Zizka regarding the Excavation Ordinance and upon completion, will submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. **Falls Creek Conservation Easement:** Kari Olsen, attorney for the Town, reviewed and made changes to the Conservation Easement and legal description for Falls Creek Farm. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to review these changes at the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

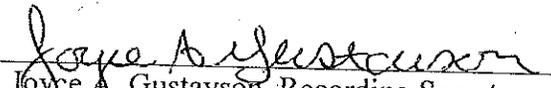
d. **Schedule Special Town Meeting to Adopt Handicap Motor Vehicle Ordinance, Ordinance to Establish Energy Commission and Sale of Lot 6 in the Sterling Industrial Park:** The Special Town meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 of the Sterling Town Hall Building located at 1183 Plainfield Pike in Oneco.

e. **Discussion of Proposal by Randi Frank Consulting, LLC for Classification & Compensation Study Proposal:** R Gray has received a list of available consulting services from John Filchak of NECOGG. A bid proposal for consulting services will be prepared and mailed. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. **Consider and Act on CIRMA Liability – Auto-Property & Worker’s Comp.:** Lindsay Bitonti, underwriter from CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency) and Betsy Chamberland from Frank Chamberland Agency met with R. Grey to discuss the “Letter of Commitment for Budget Stabilization Program for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The Town’s five (5) year commitment plan with no increase in premiums will end June 30, 2015. R. Gray reported that the new proposal commits the Town to a three (3) year maximum increase possibility; but the actual increase could be less in each fiscal year, totaling a potential maximum increase of six (6) percent over the next two years. Discussion was held on whether to sign the contact or seek coverage elsewhere. R. Gray will discuss the CIRMA Liability with the school. L. Cooper made motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

- b. Resignation to Sterling Agriculture Commission:** R. Gray received the following letter of resignation from Jonathan Hermonot. "Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am leaving my position on Sterling Agriculture Commission effective July 26, 2014. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Agriculture Commission. I feel you will have better candidates for the commission as I've moved out of town. Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Hermonot". L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to regrettfully accept Jonathan Hermonot's resignation effective 7/26/2014. All voted in favor of the motion.
- c. Old American School House Road:** Kara Fishman, Assessor, reported that this arose when Joseph Ezzell, Jr. filed a variance subdividing his property. In providing a street address, the issue of potential subdivision of the land with access only from Old American School House Road was discussed with Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer. He indicated those parcels were most likely not subdividable because they did not have town road frontage. Mr. Ezzell's survey included extra land that was part of the discontinued Old American School House Road. K. Fishman asked if other property owners on the discontinued road are also being taxed to include the extra land. The language of the 1898 discontinuance was discussed as possibly needing revision so that all the owners along it owned their portions and the Town did not. Currently, the property owners have an easement to get in and out. K. Fishman will do more research and report back to the Board. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to table to this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.
- d. Consider and Act on Re-appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals:** R. Gray made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to re-appoint Rick Waugh, 356 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354 and Christine Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, as regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term ending 8/11/2017 and to reappoint Russell Dexter, 62 Barber Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Lincoln Cooper, 420 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term ending 8/11/2017. All voted in favor of the motion.
- Any Other Business: None
- Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: 
 Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary