

July 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 Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Stacy & Jose Abua.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience of Citizens: S. Abua expressed the following concerns: 1. Smoking at the Sterling Community Park. R. Gray will order and post "no smoking" signs. 2. Would the Town support "Adopt-a-Spot"? Volunteers would select a site that they would maintain by planting flowers, weeding, etc. J. Firlik requested that S. Abua submit a plan as to what she wants to do and what site she would like to adopt. 3. Does the Town have a Dog Ordinance where the dog owner is responsible for picking up the droppings? R. Gray stated that we do not.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the 6/18/2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. **Commission Vacancies (Alternate P&Z and Family Day Committee):** No candidates for the two vacancies. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. **Excavation Ordinance:** J. Gustavson reported that Jamie Rabbitt, Town Planner, informed the Planning and Zoning Commission that Attorney Zizka has added the Excavation Ordinance to his workload. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item.

c. **Falls Creek Conservation Easement:** R. Gray reported that the engineer is writing the proposed language for the metes and bounds. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. **Schedule Special Town Meeting to Adopt Handicap Motor Vehicle Ordinance and Ordinance to Establish Energy Commission:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table setting the date for a town meeting until after the 2014-2015 Budget is passed. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. **Review of 6/25/2014 Revisions to 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget:** The revisions to the 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget was reviewed. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to make the following changes to the 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget: Under wages, the Admin. Assist. - Selectmen will reflect \$6,000 for vacation pay and hours worked; the Revenue Collector Asst. will be re-instated to full-time in the amount of \$35,080; the Town Clerk's salary will be changed to \$31,182; and under Snow Removal - Contracted Services will be increased from \$20,000 to \$32,204. The changes resulted in a budget totaling \$2,702,580 and revenues \$347,480 leaving a total to be raised by taxes of \$2,355,100. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. **E. Smith Renewal of Gravel Permit for 485 Sawmill Hill Road - Erick Smith of Sterling Sand and Gravel, LLC** presented a request to extend the Excavation Permit issued on June 10, 2009. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to grant a five (5) year extension to Erick Smith of Sterling Sand and Gravel, LLC for property located on 485 Sawmill Hill Road expiring June 10, 2019 and the applicant shall stay within the bounds of the original excavation permit. All voted in favor of the motion.

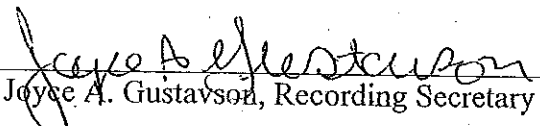
g. **Schedule Special Town Meeting to Vote on Revised 2014-2015 Proposed Selectmen's Budget and Local Capital Improvement Plan:** The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the referendum vote shall be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the gym of the Sterling Town Hall Building located at 1183 Plainfield Pike in Oneco.

New Business: None

Any Other Business: 1) Leta Accurso has been planting flowers and taking care of the Veteran's Park located at 1183 Plainfield Pike and R. Gray suggested that the Town send a thank you letter for her services. 2) Melissa Wilcox of Connecticut Water reported to R. Gray that Re-Energy is using lots of water due to the newly planted grass and 3) The hasp has been ripped apart at the gate to the water tower. CT Water will supply a new lock and L. Cooper will replace it. R. Gray will purchase three (3) Jolley Waste Concrete Blocks at \$75 each to place around the gate leading to the water tank. 4) L. Cooper was notified by David Shippee, Chairman, Board of Finance, that Circle C Campground has complained that the accumulation of garbage is getting worse for property located at 627 Bailey Road. R. Gray reported that he spoke to the homeowner several times to no avail. A Blight Ordinance was discussed and it was decided that it is not feasible at this time.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest:

  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary