

October 8, 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-Neil Cook.

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

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 9/30/2014 special minutes as presented and with a correction to the 10/1/2014 regular minutes, Unfinished Business, Item d. #3 should have read...the circulating fan... instead of the heat exchanger and with a correction to the regular minutes of 9/10/2014, New Business, Item a. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments for Denise or Leo Attella, should have read...\$10.00...instead of \$235.94. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Alternate P&Z & 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:** The Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a special meeting for 10/15/2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 to discuss the Excavation Ordinance. J. Gustavson shall email the proposed revisions to the Board of Selectmen. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider and Act on Classification & Compensation Study Bids:** R. Gray reported that he spoke to John Filchak of (NECCOG) Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and he is working on submitting a proposal for the Classification and Compensation Study, not to exceed \$2,500 for the 10/15/2014 meeting. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider and Act on Insulating Property Located at 50 Main Street, RP Jordan Center:** Rene Beauchene of Beauchene & Sons Builder has submitted a bid in the amount of \$600 to open ceiling pads to reinstall the fallen insulation using lightning rods. R. Gray reported that additional insulation is available if required by contractor. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept the bid by Beauchene & Sons Builder, 33 Old Hampton Road, Canterbury, CT 06331 in the amount of \$600 to open ceiling pads to reinstall the fallen insulation using lightning rods. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request refunds to: 1) Stanley Walker, Sr. & Wendy Walker, PO Box 195, Oneco, CT 06373-0195 for \$149.62; and 2) Nicholas S. Cote, 23 Hell Hollow Road, Voluntown, CT 06384 for \$36.14. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week:** A motion was made R. Gray, seconded by L. Cooper, to adopt the following proclamation with the Natchaug River Young Marines recognizing Red Ribbon Week from October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in an effort to develop good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle to our youth.

#### **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week is a campaign to show support for ridding communities of illicit drug use and those that traffic and profit from illicit drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week will take place October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchaug River Young Marines located in Dayville along with the Young

Marines from many surrounding towns, will actively participate in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natchaug River Young Marines proudly stand in support of an are committed to the fight against illegal drugs and those that promote their use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Young Marine Program promotes good citizenship and a healthy lifestyle is through education and awareness and the best way to educate is to lead by example; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF STERLING** that the Natchaug River Young Marines should be recognized as an outstanding opportunity for our local youth and for their continuing efforts to educate and promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Young Marine program should receive the support of the Board of Selectmen and the residents of our Town for their positive impact on our youth and our community by wearing a red ribbon during Red Ribbon Week. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary