

March 11, 2015

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper and John Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson, Demian Sorrentino (6:13 p.m.) and Jamie Rabbit (6:13 p.m.)

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

Audience of Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 3/4/2015 special meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Agricultural Commission, Energy Committee, & Family Day Committee): John Baccarie has expressed interest in both the Agriculture Commission and the Energy Committee. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Excavation Ordinance: A public hearing to amend the Town of Sterling's Zoning Regulations regarding Excavation (administration, definition, permitting, and standards) Regulations is scheduled for Tuesday, 3/24/2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Sterling Town Hall, Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. 2015-2016 Proposed Selectmen's Budget: The FY 2015-2016 proposed budget will be presented tonight to the Board of Finance. The Selectmen have scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, 3/17/2015 at 5:30 p.m. to review the budget.

2015-2016 Local Capital Improvement Plan: The Local Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP) will be presented tonight to the Board of Finance.

d. Low Income Veterans: No new information. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider and Act on General Office Assistant: This was on the agenda in error.

f. Notice of Violation and Order – 15 Old Greenwich Road: D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, submitted a copy of a letter, dated 3/10/2015 (copy on file) addressed to Mitchell Boileau, resident at 15 Old Greenwich Road, requesting additional information required to review the Zoning Permit Application. Thomas Orr is the record owner of the property. D. Sorrentino reported that in his letter to Mr. Orr dated 1/23/2015 he informed him that his resident, M. Boileau, must vacate the premises, remove the mobile home from the property, and appear in person at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. It is the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to refer this to legal counsel for follow-up, as Mr. Orr is in violation of the Sterling Mobile Parks and Trailer Ordinance.

New Business:

a. Consider and Act on Re-Appointment to Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority, Sterling Recreation Authority, and Sterling Agricultural Commission: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to re-appoint John Firlik, 61 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Dale Clark, 581 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/4/2016 to the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority.

Judith Gooslin, 1285 Plainfield Pike, Sterling, CT 06377 and Tammy Etheridge, 491 Pine Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a two (2) year term expiring 3/6/2017, Dawn Webster, 435 Pine Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a three (3) year term expiring 3/6/2018, Luigi Vergato, 194 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Dan Currier, 284 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/6/2016 to the Sterling Recreation Authority.

Alternate Howard Hopps, 148 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one year term expiring 3/12/2016 to the Sterling Agricultural Commission. Two (2) members voted in favor of the motion and one (1) abstention. Motion passed.

L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to not re-appoint Alternate Trevor Evans, PO Box 37, Sterling, CT 06377 to a two (2) year term expiring 3/6/2018 to the Sterling Recreation Authority due to lack of attendance. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) D. Sorrentino reported that he received a call from Michael Demuth, 743 Plainfield Pike, Sterling, CT to reconstruct an outbuilding on his property, located in the Historic District of Sterling. D. Sorrentino called the National Register of Historic Places and was informed that there is no land use restriction. If a municipality has a locally designated Historic District, there should be an ordinance in place and a board to oversee the ordinance. Mr. Demuth wants to rebuild his barn exactly as it is. Jamie Rabbitt, Town Planner, stated that would research the structure of the Historical Society in Sterling and see if the rights can be transferred to the Board of Selectmen or to the Zoning Enforcement Officer. 2) **Request of Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request for refunds to Daniel W. Greenwood, 257 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377-2304 for \$13.95. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary