October 15, 2014

<u>Call to Order:</u> The special meeting of the Sterling Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Roll was called: Dana Morrow-present, Frank Bood-present, Ross Farrugia-present, Chris Turner absent, Cindy Donall-present, Alternate Walter Moriarty-present, and Alternate Paul Ezzell-absent. There is one alternate vacancy on the Commission.

Staff present-Jamie Rabbitt, Russell Gray, John Firlik, and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present- Mike Blackmer, WINY Radio.

Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Excavation Ordinance Revisions: J. Rabbitt discussed the proposed draft language for the Excavation Ordinance. Draft Zoning Regulations were emailed to Commission members dated 7/23/2013 (Draft Language Excavation Changes with MAZ edits ... Attorney Michael A. Zizka). The primary change is that the reference to special permit has been eliminated. The change from special permit to permitted use is due to statutory references on who has authority over special permits versus who has zoning authority over general permits. J. Rabbitt explained that the Board of Selectmen initiated the change. The Town Planner and the Town Engineer assisted in the changes and to keep things consistent, the Planning and Zoning Commission was included in the process. The next step is for the Board of Selectmen to submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission asking that the Zoning Regulations be amended. If an application is submitted in November, a public hearing could be held in January.

Map Reading Workshop: D. Morrow made a motion, seconded by F. Bood to take a break at 8:40 p.m. and go directly into the Site Plan Reading Workshop. All voted in favor of the motion. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by C. Donall, seconded by W. Moriarty, to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _

Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary

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Christopher Turner, Secretary