

May 6, 2015

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, Dale Boisselle, Josh McLeod and Demian Sorrentino (6:05 p.m.).

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

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 4/15/2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Two voted in favor of the motion and one abstention.

L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to move New Business, Item b ahead of Unfinished Business. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**b. Consider and Act on School Bus Bids:** The Board of Selectmen have received the following bids for one new school bus: 1) Dattco Sales and Service \$85,238 plus \$745 to install the radio. The child check mate system is included in the bid price, minus \$3,000 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$82,983; 2) New England Transit Sales, Inc. \$82,974 plus \$750 to install the radio. The child check mate system is included in the bid price, minus \$4,500 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$79,224; 3) School Lines, Inc., \$82,238 plus \$698 to install the radio and \$120 for the child check mate system, minus \$3,950 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$79,106. J. McLeod, Town Mechanic has reviewed the school bus bids and recommends purchasing the 2016 Blue Bird Vision Bus. He stated it is a good fit with the fleet.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to award the bid for the purchase of a 2016 Blue Bird Vision Bus, 71 passenger to School Lines, Inc., of 75 Circo Road, North Branford, CT 06471 for \$82,238 minus \$3,950 for the trade-in allowance for the 2005 Blue Bird Vision (101,000 miles, bus number 14) reducing the price to \$78,288. The child check mate system option is added for \$120 and the two-way radio option is added for \$698 making the final total \$79,106. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Energy Committee & Sterling Recreation Authority):** No new information. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Notice of Violation and Order – 15 Old Greenwich Road:** D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, met with M. Boileau, tenant on the property located at 15 Old Greenwich Road and told him that before a building permit can be issued, the first step is to contact Terry Bombard of Northeast District Department of Health (NEDDH) to get the test holes dug for the septic system. The Board of Selectmen requested that D. Sorrentino report back with an update in two (2) weeks at the 5/20/2015 meeting. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation of \$21,900 from the Town's Fund Balance for Snow and Ice Removal – 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT:** This item has been added to the Annual Town Meeting Notice as Item I. scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$21,900 to the Board of Selectmen 2014-2015 Budget – Town Hall Expenses Maintenance Line Item, from the Town's Fund Balance to cover the snow and ice removal from the roof at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

**d. Schedule Annual Town Meeting for the Annual Report:** The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to act on the reports of the town, authorize borrowing for the ensuing year, and designate banks for the town depositories.

**e. 511 Sterling Road:** R. Gray reported that Kelly Wright of Habitat for Humanity called him stating that the deal with Wells Fargo fell through. K. Wright then called back offering a different proposal and R. Gray will call her next week to get more information. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. 301 Church Street:** R. Gray reported that a special meeting shall be scheduled for Wednesday, 5/13/2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Room #15 of the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to discuss how to proceed with the property located at 301 Church Street with Jamie Rabbitt, Town Planner, Kyle Collins, Building Inspector, Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Arthur Scherp, property owner. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business Continued:

**a. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to: 1) CoreLogic Tax Service, PO Box 961250, Ft. Worth, TX 76161-0250 for \$465.57 and 2) Cynthia & John McHale, 21 Dawes Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517 for \$9.80. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Vote to Lay Tax and Schedule Collection Dates:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to lay a tax of 31.60 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of October 1, 2014 and that said tax shall be due and payable on July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Connecticut Boys State – Leadership Program for High School Juniors:** Conrad Langlais is asking the Board of Selectmen to sponsor one (1) high school junior to attend Connecticut Boys State, a leadership program for high school juniors that teaches the objectives of American government. The objective is to keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations by teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society. The cost of the program is \$300 and will run from 6/22/2015 through 6/27/2015. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to make a onetime donation for a high school junior to attend Connecticut Boys State from 6/22/2015 through 6/27/2015 not to exceed \$300 and the recipient shall come before the Board and give a report of what was learned from the leadership program. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: L. Cooper presented two (2) proposals to the Board of Selectmen. The first one is to have Matthew Cooper remove, repair and hang gutters in the courtyard at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, plus inspect, repair, prime and paint the fascia of the building in the amount of \$1,350 (\$350 for materials and \$1,000 for labor). The second proposal is to have Matthew Cooper repair and hang gutters of a certain section over the north entrance of the Jordan Center, located at 250 Main Street, Oneco, plus remove the remaining gutters and downspouts to check holes left behind from removing the gutters at the south end in the amount of \$400 (\$50 for materials and \$350 for labor). J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to accept Matthew Cooper's proposals to remove, repair and hang gutters in the courtyard as well as inspect, repair, prime and paint the fascia of the building at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco in the amount of \$1,350 and to repair and hang gutters of a certain section of the Jordan Center, 250 Main Street, Oneco, as well as remove the remaining gutters and downspouts to check holes left behind from removing the gutters in the amount of \$400. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to adjourn 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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