

September 9, 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.

Also present-Neil & Marlene Cook, David Held, and Michael Licamele.

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 J. Firlik to approve the 9/2/2015 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Economic Development Commission, Sterling Recreation Authority, & Zoning Board of Appeals):** No new information. 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. Town Right-of-Way – Margaret Henry Road & Snake Meadow Hill Road:** R. Gray reported that he spoke to one of the homeowners on Margaret Henry Road who would be interested in buying a portion of the Town owned right-of-way in order to retain usage of the right-of-way. No discussion was held about paying for a portion of the surveying cost. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to remove this item from the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Insulation for Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT:** R. Gray reported that the Energy Committee meets tomorrow night and he will speak with Chairman, Frank Bood regarding an energy audit for the Sterling Municipal Building located at 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**Consider & Act on Proposal to Lease 54.36 Acres of Town Owned Property Located at 0 Industrial Park Road North and 8.31 Acres of Town Owned Property Located at 5 Exeter Drive by Renewable Ventures, LLC to Build a Solar Farm:** Michael Licamele, President of MSL Group, Inc. representing Renewable Ventures, LLC updated the Board of Selectmen on the status of the proposed plans to build a solar farm. They have put in a bid to purchase Re-Energy and should know by the end of the week if their bid is accepted; currently they are in discussion with surrounding property owners to purchase additional land. M. Licamele is asking the Board of Selectmen to enter into a short-term, thirty-day (30) negotiation period while they continue to work with Re-Energy and surrounding property owners, as well as, permission to have the Town's attorney work with their attorney to work out the terms of the lease for the Town property adjacent to the Re-Energy site and a property tax agreement. The project will need to be approved by the Connecticut Siting Council before it can move forward. The projected cost of the project is over four million (4) dollars. Renewable Ventures, LLC will break down the tires by removing the oil and steel and reuse the char making a carbon black process. The main focus of the project is to get the tire burning plant up and running and switch to the carbon black process which is environmentally cleaner and safer. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to enter, upon approval from the Town's attorney, an exclusive thirty-day (30) negotiation period allowing the project to move forward. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:22 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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