

# **Tri-Board Meeting**

Special Meeting of the  
Sterling Board of Finance  
Sterling Board of Education  
Sterling Board of Selectman  
October 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm

## **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Board of Education Chair, Renee Theroux-Keech.

Present were: Russell Gray, David Shippee, Robert Lassan, Neil Delmonico, John Firlik, Link Cooper, Dale Clark, Neil Cook, Dottie Capobianco, Lee Shippee, Rosalind Choquette, Kate Fantoli, Barbara Salisbury, Renee Theroux-Keech, Brenda Needham and Beverly Boyd.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **III. Board of Finance Issues**

David Shippee talked about keeping the mil rate next year the same as this year. There is some work that needs to be done on the roads.

Brenda Needham informed everyone that this year we are in the middle of teacher negotiations and if it goes to arbitration it is binding and the Board will have no say. She also indicated that they are looking at the state insurances because the rates have come down and they offer better benefits.

Renee Theroux-Keech talked about the school almost being 10 years old and warrantees on things being done. She also talked about having an energy audit done.

Discussions were held on energy audit being done for the town hall; the town purchasing a new bus every year; the fuel efficiency on the buses; fuel prices coming way down.

## **IV. Board of Education Issues**

Brenda Needham had paperwork on a transportation consulting service that would come do an evaluation of the current running of our buses. The cost is \$10,000.00. The cost could be split between the town and board of education.

Brenda Needham offered to get some data from EASTCONN on towns that use transportation companies and if they are satisfied with them.

Brenda also indicated that having the budget timeline early again would be helpful to the Board of Education. David Shippee indicated we could use the same timeline as last year.

#### V. Board of Selectman Issues

An energy audit is being planned for the Municipal building.

Paving of some of the town roads has begun. The town can no longer afford to pave their roads. The town has applied for grants for paving.

#### VI. Other Issues

David Shippee talked about having a company do a walk through and look at the computer systems at the town hall. The treasurer's office does not use the same software as the schools and that causes problems when trying to balance the books.

A motion was made by R. Lassan and seconded by D. Shippee to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Vote: All in favor.