

December 23, 2015

Item I: Call to Order: The special meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:38 p.m. with Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik (5:42 p.m.) present. Staff present-Joyce Gustavson. Also present-Joseph Wesson and Mary Schenk.

Item II: Consider and Act on Mileage Reimbursement: According to the Internal Revenue Service Newswire dated 12/17/2015, the standard rate for transportation for travel expenses is .54 cents per mile for all miles of business use. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to use .54 cents, the standard mileage rate for transportation for travel expenses effective 1/1/2016. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item III: Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments-Joshua S. & Jessica L. Canfield-\$29.11; Nissan Infiniti LT-\$170.61; Jeffrey L. Peltier-\$17.10; Warren D. Tate-\$24.15; and Toyota Lease Trust-\$117.11: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the request for refunds to: 1) Joshua S. & Jessica L. Canfield, PO Box 292, Oneco, CT 06373-0292 for \$29.11; 2) Nissan Infiniti, LT, 8900 Freeport Parkway, Irving, TX 75063 for \$170.61; 3) Jeffrey L. Peltier, 124 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1609 for \$17.10; 4) Warren D. Tate, 554 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377-2125 for \$24.15; 5) Toyota Lease Trust, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 for \$117.11; and 6) Danny Loubier, 483 Valley View Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1615 for \$36.25. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item IV: Snow Plowing – 9 Rustic Way: R. Gray reported that he spoke to legal counsel in regards to plowing private roads and according to Public Act No. 14-67, An Act Concerning Maintenance of Private Easements and Rights-of-Way, the following excerpt from Public Act No. 14-67 was read into the minutes: “(b) The owner of any residential real property that benefits from an easement or right-of-way, the purpose of which is to provide access to such residential real property, shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining such easement or right-of-way in good repair and the cost of repairing or restoring any damaged portion of such easement or right-of-way. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, the removal of snow from such easement or right-of-way. Discussion followed on establishing a special taxing district. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to deny the request to plow Rustic Way. All voted in favor of the motion.

Item V. Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary