

May 11, 2016

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 and Josh McLeod.

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

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 4/20/2016 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Unfinished Business:

f. Consider & Act on School Bus Bids: The Board of Selectman received the following bids for one new school bus: 1) Dattco Sales and Service (IC/CE) \$82,975 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 \$79,225; 2) School Lines, Inc., (Blue Bird Vision) \$82,437 plus \$698 to install the radio. The child check mate system is included in the bid price, minus \$3,950 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$79,185. J. McLeod, Town Mechanic has reviewed the school bus bids and recommends purchasing the 2017 Blue Bird Vision Bus. He stated it is a little less than the other bid. A couple of years ago we tried the IC/CE and experienced some issues. The Blue Bird 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 2017 Blue Bird Vision Bus, 71 Passenger to School Lines, Inc., of 75 Circo Road, North Branford, CT 06471 for \$82,437 minus \$3,950 for the trade-in allowance for the 2006 Blue Bird Vision (127,000 miles, bus number 16) reducing the price to \$78,487. The child check mate system option is included in the bid price and the two-way radio option is added for \$698 making the final total \$79,185. All voted in favor of the motion.

a. Commission Vacancies (Computer Assessment Committee, Recreation Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals): Robert Gauthier shall be appointed to the Computer Assessment Committee later in tonight's meeting. No new information for Recreation Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals. 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. Discussion Regarding Sale of Right-of-Way on Town Property Located on Margaret Henry Road and Snake Meadow Hill Road: R. Gray received an inter-agency memorandum from Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Offer regarding the 8-24 referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, for the proposed disposition of Town-owned land for property located northerly of Snake Meadow Hill Road and westerly of Margaret Henry Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to refer this item to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Library): L. Cooper stated that he went in the tunnels to see where the bathrooms located near the library would lead and he could not locate the pipes to determine where the water goes when the toilets are flushed. R. Gray suggested having Peter Barbeau, Peter Barbeau Plumbing and Heating, run a camera through the pipes. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to have R. Gray contact Don Aubrey, Town Engineer to locate the septic tank before calling P. Barbeau. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Request by Recreation Authority to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Establishing a Conservation & Caring Club Committee: The Board of Selectmen received a letter dated, 4/25/2016 from Sherri and Bailey Hirschboeck, Conservation and Caring Club, withdrawing their request to become a Committee within the Town of Sterling. The Club shall continue to support the residents of Sterling and have requested continue use of the Town Hall foyer, as needed, for donations and dispensing of food/pet food (copy on file). J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept the resignation to withdraw the Conservation and Caring Club as a Town

Committee without prejudice and allow the Club to continue using the Town Hall foyer for donations and dispensing of food/pet food. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Schedule Special Town Meeting for 2016-2017 Budget Vote: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to adopt the Board of Education's 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and to adopt the Board of Selectmen's 2016-2017 Proposed Budget and in accordance with Section 7-7 of the CGS to remove the items to a referendum vote to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike in Oneco.

New Business:

a. Resignation of Don Buell from Computer Assessment Committee: Don Buell submitted a resignation letter from the Computer Assessment Committee dated 4/25/2016 effective immediately. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept D. Buell's resignation with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Appointment of Robert Gauthier to Computer Assessment Committee: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Robert Gauthier, 13 Woodland Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to replace D. Buell, for the duration of the project to the Computer Assessment Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Schedule Special town Meeting for the Annual Report: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item until the Board of Selectmen receives confirmation that the audit is completed. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider and Act on Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item until additional information is received.

e. Consider and Act on Application for a Sign for 131 Calvin French Road – D. Bishop: David Bishop of Sun Ridge Resort, 131 Calvin French Road has submitted an application to erect at 4' x 5' post and panel sign at the entrance of the resort replacing an existing sign. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the erection of a 4' x 5' post and panel sign, replacing an existing sign in accordance with the Town of Sterling's Sign and Billboard Ordinance for property located at 131 Calvin French Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Request for Refund of Excess Water Tax Payments-Town of Sterling, Board of Education-\$724.00, \$1,988.00, and \$3,812.00: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request for refund to Town of Sterling, Board of Education, 251 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$724.00, \$1,988.00, and \$3,812.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. Consider and Act on Request to Connecticut Boys State – Leadership Program for High School Juniors: R. Gray stated that Conrad Langlais asked the Board of Selectmen to consider sponsoring 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 6/19/2016 through 6/24/2016. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request to send one (1) high school junior to attend the Connecticut Boys State – Leadership Program from 6/19/2016 through 6/24/2016 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.

h. Consider and Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 121 Snake Meadow Hill Road – R. Young: Rodney Young submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 5/10/2016 for property located at 121 Snake Meadow Hill Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the application for driveway construction permit #16-02 for property located at 121 Snake Meadow Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

i. Sterling Memorial Day Parade: L. Cooper stated that the Sterling Memorial Day Parade will be Sunday, 5/22/2016. The first parade will assemble at the Robert P. Jordan Community Center, 50 Main Street, Sterling at 10:15 a.m. and will regroup for the second parade at the former Town Hall, 1114 Plainfield Pike, Oneco at 11:00 a.m. proceeding to the Sterling

Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco then on to the Riverside Cemetery for services at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Oneco Bridge for final exercises.

Any Other Business: 1) R. Gray stated that the Senior Community Center had a Planet-Aid clothes box at the Robert P. Jordan Community Center located at 50 Main Street and they would receive money from Planet-Aid on a monthly basis. A few months ago, people began dropping off couches and other trash. Planet-Aid cleaned up the mess and removed the box from the site. The seniors are requesting to have a clothing box placed here at the Sterling Municipal Building. R. Gray also noted that the Library has been running a very successful clothing bank where anyone can drop off or take clothing. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to deny the Senior Center request to add an additional clothing box and to have one depository for clothing at the Sterling Municipal Building. All voted in favor of the motion. 2) **Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded J. Firlik to approve the request for refund to Benjamin Daudelin, PO Box 340, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$135.31. All voted in favor of the motion. 3) R. Gray stated that he received a letter from D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, dated 4/27/2016 informing the Board that Ruggieri Properties, LLC submitted a Planning and Zoning Permit Application to construct a 9,600 square foot storage building for property located at 114 Linwood Drive. Boundaries, LLC prepared the Site Development Plan and D. Sorrentino performed the wetland delineation in 2013 so he shall recuse himself from the administration and review process and refer the application to the Planning and Zoning Commission's next regular meeting to be held on 5/19/2016 (copy on file).

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:44 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary