

June 1, 2016

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson and Demian Sorrentino.

Also present- James and Mary-Alice Piro.

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

Audience of Citizens: Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer introduced James and Mary-Alice Piro stating that they own property located over the bridge, at 77 Deerfield Drive, Lot 92 and asked the Piro's to give a history of the property. J. Piro explained that they have owned the parcel for twenty-seven (27) years. Up until last year, they brought a pull trailer back and forth to spend the night or the weekend. D. Sorrentino stated that in 2012 the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) received a complaint that approximately one (1) yard of sand/gravel was deposited along the edge of the wetlands on the site for property owned by James Piro located at 77 Deerfield Drive. On 9/27/2012 the IW&WC approved an application for J. Piro to bring a 36' x 12' trailer on the lot and it must be a seasonal camp trailer, not a mobile home, among other conditions. D. Sorrentino stated that he believes the IW&WC approved the application only with regard to the impact to the wetlands and did not realize that this was a violation of the Town of Sterling's Mobile Parks and Trailer Ordinance. Currently Mr. & Mrs. Piro use the existing septic system and carry their own water. Mr. Piro stated that the septic system was inspected and that Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) is currently holding on a permit to drill a new well. D. Sorrentino raised the concern about this becoming more of a permanent residence (park model camper trailer served by a septic system and on-site well) and stated that if the Board of Selectmen were to allow the Piro's to have this more permanent camp trailer on the property, a stipulation would need to be placed on the land records stating that the Piro's have occasionally used the property for the last twenty-seven (27) years and their intent is to keep it as an occasional use. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item and have D. Sorrentino contact legal counsel. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 5/18/2016 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Recreation Authority, and 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. Discussion Regarding Sale of Right-of-Way on Town Property Located on Margaret Henry Road and Snake Meadow Hill Road: R. Gray reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission tabled the 8-24 referral for the proposed disposition of Town-owned land for property located westerly of Margaret Henry Road and northerly of Snake Meadow Hill Road f/k/a/ Main Road #2 for staff to review. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission is Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Senior Center and Library): R. Gray stated that this is a work in progress. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Schedule Special Town Meeting for the Annual Report: The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 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. Consider and Act on Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to refer this item to the Sterling Energy Committee for review. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

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) Carrington Mortgage Services, 1123 S. Parkview

Drive, Covina, CA 91724 for \$100.00; 2) Eric M. & Kacie E. Allin, 10 Sterling Ridge Lane, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$130.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Ross Farrugia, Neil Cook, & Judith Andrade to Economic Development Commission (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/2021): J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Ross Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377, Neil Cook, 541 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Judith Andrade, 16 Jared Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a five (5) year term expiring 5/31/2021 to the Economic Development Commission. 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 mils on the dollar on the Grand List of October 1, 2015 and that said tax shall be due and payable on July 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the passing of former First Selectman, Robert P. Jordan at the age of 94 on Monday, May 30, 2016. Bob served as First Selectman for twenty-six (26) years and will be sadly missed. The flag at the Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT will be lowered to half staff on June 11, 2016 in his memory.

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

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary