

July 13, 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.

Also present-Matthew Maher, Donald Malboeuf, John Hattayer, Dawn Casey, and Deborah Sharpe.

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

Audience of Citizens: Matthew Maher, of Sawmill Hill Road reported on the Connecticut Boys State – Leadership Program for High School Juniors that he attended in June at Eastern Connecticut State University. Matt stated that political parties were created and elections were held to create a mock government; interested individuals had the choice on whether or not to run for an office. Students had the task of analyzing and solving problems for the town. Matt also stated that he enjoyed what the House of Representatives called “Silly-Billies”, fake laws that were passed.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 6/1/2018, and 6/8/2016 minutes as presented and the 7/6/2016 minutes with the correction to Any Other Business, #2...“U.S.” Representative, Joe Courtney, instead of “State” Representative. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Recreation Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals): No new information. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik 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 Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, has contacted Fishman Appraisal Services and is waiting for a call back. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Senior Center and Library): R. Gray reported that the urinals need work and will contact Rodney Young of Mattern Construction this week to get a quote. R. Gray also reported that L. Cooper checked out the Library restrooms and they are working, but the area needs to be cleaned. R. Gray contacted Sam McGuire, Town Hall janitor and asked her to clean the area within the next two (2) weeks and once that is finished Peter Barbeau of Peter Barbeau Plumbing & Heating, Danielson, CT will be contacted to come in and replace traps in the sink and adjust the water valves. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider and Act on Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding: The Board of Selectmen received an email dated 7/7/2016 from Kate Donnelly of SmartPower outlining the schedule for the solar installer review process which will take place this summer and to choose two or three (2/3) Energy Committee members that would be available to attend both the review and interview sessions. R. Gray stated that the Memorandum of Understanding and the selection of Energy Committee members will be discussed at the Energy Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 7/14/2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Update Regarding Gypsy Moth/Caterpillar Funding from Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: R. Gray reported that he spoke to an aid in Joe Courtney’s Office regarding funding for spraying the gypsy moths/caterpillars next year and is waiting for a call back. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Discussion with Cub Scout Pack #23: Dawn Casey explained that Cub Scout Pack #23 is looking for a new charter organization to support the troop. John Hattayer of Plainfield, a Unit Commissioner for The Boy Scouts of America explained that Cub Scout Pack #23 is a youth group for children in the area and they are seeking to be chartered by a municipality or a non-profit

organization. Presently four to five (4/5) groups of cub scouts, ranging in age from six (6) years to eighteen (18) years meet at the Sterling Fire Station in one open room. If the Town decides to charter the scouts, they would need four (4) or five (5) rooms to separate the age groups for weekly meetings. J. Hattayer explained that having the cub scouts meet at the Town Hall would be a good fit for the community and a safe place to meet. The cub scouts would give back by doing service projects and earn badges at the same time. J. Hattayer is requesting 1) location and 2) the Town becoming the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack #23. He will email the charter agreement and certificate of liability insurance for the Board of Selectmen to review. D. Sharpe stated that if the Town agrees to become the charter organization, occasionally they would need to use the Town's tax exempt number. R. Gray will contact Betsy of the Frank Chamberland Agency to see if the cub scouts would be covered under the Town's existing policy. 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. Consider & Act on Renewal of Existing Excavation Permit for 110 Industrial Park Road: Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator on behalf of the Town of Sterling's Economic Development Commission requested a renewal of the existing excavation permit for property located on 110 Industrial Park Road until 8/10/2021, noting there has been a limited amount of excavation activities on the site (copy on file). R. Gray stated that behind the Incubator Building some stone has been removed and more needs to come out as the intent is to build another incubator behind the existing one. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to grant an extension to the Town of Sterling Economic Development Commission for 110 Industrial Park Road until 8/10/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to: 1) Joseph Cadieux & Gina Franco, PO Box 373, Moosup, CT 06354 for \$19.45; 2) Loreen A. Evans, 50 Hungry Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 (payable to Corelogic, One Corelogic Drive, Westlake, TX 76262) for \$3,871.00; and 3) Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, ATTN: Property Tax Refunds, 4000 MacArthur, Newport Beach, CA 92660 for \$362.14 and \$71.44. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) L. Cooper reported that the Sterling Agricultural Commission has not been meeting and asked if there is anything we can do to revive the Commission before it disbands. R. Gray will contact the Chairman. 2) L. Cooper stated that the volunteer who cleaned in front of the building did an excellent job and a thank you should be sent on behalf of the Selectmen. 3) Recommendations from the Sterling Computer Assessment Committee were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Selectmen to have David Shippee, Chairman of the Board of Finance attend the next Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 7/20/2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to discuss the recommendations.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:41 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary