

August 3, 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 Demian Sorrentino (6:02 p.m.)

Also present-John and Jacob Duprey, William Hammond, Alex DeAngelis (6:03 p.m.) and D.J. DeAngelis, III (6:03 p.m.).

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 7/20/2016, 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. 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: D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, reported that he contacted Kim Tetreault, an abutter to the town owned right-of-way, inquiring if she still wanted to move forward due to the long turnaround time and she responded yes. On Sunday, 7/31/2016, D. Sorrentino reported that he received notice from Kara Fishman of Fishman Appraisal Services and she can no longer do the appraisal due to taking on another job in Scotland and is withdrawing her proposal. D. Sorrentino will contact K. Tetreault to see if they still want to proceed as this pushes everything back further and if so, will contact Spaulding Appraisal Services, 166 Halls Hill Road, Danielson, CT 06239 asking them if they would be interested in submitting a proposal to appraise the town owned right-of-way located northerly of Snake Meadow Hill Road and westerly of Margaret Henry Road. 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): Regarding the Senior Center, R. Gray reported that on 7/28/2016, he received a proposal from Mattern Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$16,690 to renovate the men's bathrooms including labor, equipment and material. Discussion was held on the scope of work to be performed. Payment for the work would come from Facilities Maintenance. R. Gray shall contact two (2) additional general contractors to submit quotes. R. Gray also reported on the restroom facilities for the Library and stated that a switch has been installed to shut off the water system and we are currently waiting for Peter Barbeau of Peter Barbeau Plumbing & Heating, Danielson, CT to come in and work on the plumbing. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Update Regarding Gypsy Moth/Caterpillar Funding from Department of Energy & Environmental Protection: R. Gray reported that the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) does not have any funding available.

e. Consider & Act on Town Becoming Charter Organization for Cub Scout Pack #23: R. Gray reported that Cub Scout Pack #23 is withdrawing its request asking the Town to become a charter organization for the troop because it could be viewed as a political conflict.

f. Sterling Agricultural Commission: R. Gray reported that Kelly Dennis, secretary of the Agricultural Commission stopped in to report that the Commission has an August 9th meeting scheduled to discuss the future of the committee. It was also noted that Chairman, Andy Meek is moving out of state and will no longer be able to serve as Chairman.

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) Ross R. Farrugia, 641 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1714 for \$41.39; 2) Jeffrey R. Felker, PO Box 225, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$9.26 & \$52.93; 3) Michael & Julie Ferns, 140 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$4,345.00; 4) Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, PO Box 67000, Department 231601, Detroit,

MI 48267-2316 for \$562.54; 5) Jeffrey Lamphere, 275 North Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$131.49; and 6) Robert A. & Lisa K. Wood, 295 River Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1909 for \$14.16. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. R. P. Jordan Community Center: R. Gray reported that Jim Sweet, Fire Marshal inspected the R. P. Jordan Community Center last week and noted that the emergency lights were not working and there is an air leak in the sprinkler system. L. Cooper will check out the emergency lights and R. Gray shall contact P & J Sprinkler Company, 67 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226 to fix the air leak in the sprinkler system.

Any Other Business: 1) L. Cooper reported that he and Frank Bood attended the Solarize Connecticut meeting at Connecticut Green Bank in Rocky Hill on Monday, 8/1/2016 to begin the process of reviewing installers. Four (4) providers will be interviewed on Monday, 8/8/2016 at the Energize Center in North Haven, CT where one (1) installer will be selected to represent Sterling. Residents are under no obligation to go with the selected installer. 2) R. Gray acknowledged Jacob Duprey, William Hammond, Alex and D.J. DeAngelis, III stating that they are members of Cub Scout Pack 36 and are attending the Board of Selectmen meeting tonight as a final requirement in earning an eagle merit badge. 3) R. Gray reported that Carl Pasteryak of Charles Pasteryak, Jr. Inc., 20 N. Burnham Highway, Lisbon, CT 06351 submitted a proposal to pave Railroad Avenue, Deerfield Drive, Gibson Lane, Calvin French, and Sawmill Hill Road (from Town Line to State Line) in the amount of \$406,113. He shall contact David Shippee, Board of Finance Chairman and request \$277,113 from the Fund Balance and the remainder (\$129,000) would come from the Selectmen's Budget, Road Resurfacing.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to adjourn 6:43 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary