

September 7, 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.

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

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 8/17/2016 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:** The following correspondence was submitted into record: Emails between Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Kimberly Tetreault, dated from 5/19/2016 through 8/24/2016 with the most recent stating that Kevin Brignole of Spaulding Appraisal Services has declined to provide a proposal for the appraisal of Town property located on Margaret Henry Road and Snake Meadow Hill Road, as well as, text messages between D. Sorrentino and K. Brignole stating that he will pass on providing the Town with a bid (copies on file). J. Gustavson reported that D. Sorrentino has contacted Ellyn Bernier of Bernier Associates, LLC, 59 Cutler Road, Dayville, CT 06241 and she provided a verbal quote in the amount of \$400 with an approximate delivery date of 9/30/2016 to complete the appraisal. 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 he received the following three (3) quotes: James Carboni Plumbing & Heating, Inc., \$7,138.28; Mattern Construction, Inc., \$16,690; and Quality Plumbing & Heating, \$9,400.00. The Selectmen reviewed the bids and based on the description of work outlined has decided to go with Quality Plumbing & Heating. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid to Quality Plumbing & Heating, 55 Philip Lane, Dayville, CT 06241 in the amount of \$9,400; \$5,000 payable when demo work has commenced and materials are delivered, \$2,200 payable when the plumbing is roughed and the walls are ready for sheetrock, and \$2,200 payable upon completion of the work no later than fifteen (15) days of submission of invoice. All voted in favor of the motion. R. Gray also reported on the restroom facilities for the Library and stated that Peter Barbeau of Peter Barbeau Plumbing & Heating, Danielson, CT will replace the traps in the sink and adjust the water valves. J. Firlik made a motion seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on Tennant T2 Battery Walk Behind Scrubber Bids:** Sam McGuire, Town Hall Janitor and Judy Gooslin, Recreation Director reviewed the Tennant T2 Battery Walk Behind Scrubber bids and made a recommendation to go with the proposal from Hillyard RoVic as that was the lowest bid received and there is no charge for shipping. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to award the bid of one (1) new Tennant T2 Battery Walk Behind Scrubber to Hillyard RoVic, PO Box 1140, Manchester, CT in the amount of \$4,664. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request for refunds to: 1) Ronnie R. Bouchard, P.O. Box 247, Sterling, CT 06377-0247 for \$13.87; 2) John F. Couture, 18 Ballou Street, Apt. 12, Putnam, CT 06260-1203 for \$139.10; 3) Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040 for \$448.53; 4) Glenda R. Lambot, 674A Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1719 for \$2.53; 5) Timothy S. Low, 41 Laiho Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1401 for \$11.66; and 6) Michael A. & Billie J. Peloquin, 271A Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$51.35. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Resignation to Sterling Agricultural Commission-Andrew Meek:** R. Gray received the following resignation letter dated 8/16/2016 from Andrew Meek: "I will be unable to continue as chair of the Agricultural Commission as my wife and I are moving out of state. Please accept this letter as my resignation as Chairman and from the Agricultural Commission. I wish them the best in all future endeavors". J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to regretfully accept Andrew Meek's resignation effective immediately from the Sterling Agricultural Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Proclamation Recognizing Red Ribbon Week:** A motion was made by L. Cooper, seconded by J. Firlik to adopt the following proclamation with the Natchaug River Young Marines recognizing Red Ribbon Week from October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in an effort to develop a good citizenship and promote a healthy, drug free lifestyle to our youth.

### **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Red Ribbon Week is a campaign to show support for ridding communities of illicit drug use and those that traffic and profit from illicit drugs; and

**WHEREAS,** Red Ribbon Week will take place October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the Natchaug River Young Marines located in Dayville along with the Young Marines from many surrounding towns, will actively participate in this nationally recognized illicit drug awareness event; and

**WHEREAS,** the Natchaug River Young Marines proudly stand in support of and are committed to the fight against illegal drugs and those that promote their use; and

**WHEREAS,** the Young Marine Program promotes good citizenship and a healthy lifestyle is through education and awareness and the best way to educate is to lead by example; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF STERLING** that the Natchaug River Young Marines should be recognized as an outstanding opportunity for our local youth and for their continuing efforts to educate and promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Young Marine program should receive the support of the Board of Selectmen and the residents of our Town for their positive impact on our youth and our community by wearing a red ribbon during Red Ribbon Week. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:26 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary