

February 1, 2017

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-Demian Sorrentino and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Andrew & Kimberly Tetreault, Ethel Tetreault, and Patrick & Colleen Taylor (6:07 p.m.).

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 1/18/2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Planning & Zoning Commission): No candidate for the Planning & Zoning Commission. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to move New Business, Item a. ahead of Unfinished Business, Item b. 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 following refund requests: 1) Calista M. Jordan, 219 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354 for \$15.61; and 2) Michael Jordan, 188 Sawmill Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$8.46. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business continued:

b. Discussion Regarding Sale of Right-of-Way on Town Property Located on Margaret Henry Road and Snake Meadow Hill Road: Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, distributed revised copies of the preliminary survey plan showing how the Right-of-Way could be divided amongst the abutters (copy on file). D. Sorrentino stated that he spoke to the Taylor's last week and emailed Patrick Taylor a copy of the preliminary survey. Based on the price reduction as discussed, the Taylor's are interested in acquiring additional acreage up to the stone wall to incorporate the area of their existing driveway. By acquiring the 1.01 acres of land as proposed, their lot would now have frontage on Snake Meadow Hill Road and meet the two (2) acre minimum lot area requirement. The Tetreault's distribution of land from the sale of the right-of-way remains the same and Martins distribution would be reduced from 1.10 acres to .68 acres. The breakdown for acquiring additional acreage of the right-of-way is as follows: Taylor would acquire 1.01 acres to make their property 2.21 acres total; Martins would acquire .68 acres to make their property 3.18 acres total; and Tetreault would acquire 1.51 acres to make their property 7.91 acres total. The result is that all properties will be of conforming area and would all have road frontage. D. Sorrentino stated that the proposed purchase price will be forty (40) percent of the total \$16,500 appraisal cost, pro-rated on the basis of the respective area to be acquired. D. Sorrentino stated that the proposed reduction in price is justified because the right-of-way area came from these parcels when the State of Connecticut took it in the 1930's, and it is now going back to the parcels it was taken from. The next step is to have Dutch & Associates finalize the A2 survey with the correct acreage going to each abutter and to schedule a Town Meeting. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the plan as presented at tonight's meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to adjourn 6:20 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary