

November 5, 2014

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 Sharon Chviek.

Also present-Caren Bailey and Rene Breault.

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

Audience of Citizens: Rene Breault stated that a few years back his father, Ray, received a Cease and Desist Order from the Town for an illegal sand bank operation for property located at 280 Main Street. He stated that they are not running a sand bank, but simply would like to finish leveling the property. R. Gray stated that 100 yards of gravel per year can be removed without a permit and if it is more than that, then you would need to apply for an excavation permit. R. Gray will meet with Rene and check out the site activity.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 10/15/2014 regular minutes as presented. Two voted in favor of the motion and one abstention.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Alternate P&Z & Family Day Committee & Zoning Board of Appeals): C. Bailey is interested in filling the alternate vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. No candidates for the other two vacancies. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Excavation Ordinance: No new information. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider and Act on Classification & Compensation Study: R. Gray stated that the Board of Selectmen recently learned of a similar program offered through Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG), consistent with the RFP, and the Board has decided to withdraw the RFP and return all bids unopened to the proposers. NECCOG has submitted a proposal to study Town Hall functions at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. The Town of Sterling is an active member of NECCOG and this service is provided to members. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments proposal to study the Town Hall functions at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Resignation of J. Cameron from Family Day Committee: R. Gray received a resignation letter dated October 22, 2014 from Jody Cameron resigning from the Family Day Committee, effective immediately. L. Cooper made a motion to accept Jody Cameron's resignation with regrets from the Family Day Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Appointment of C. Bailey as an Alt. to P&Z (3 yr. Term Ending 12/01/16): L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Caren Bailey, 45 Dixon Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to fill the alternate vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission to a three (3) year term ending 12/01/16. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Request for Refund for Excess Tax Payments: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to: 1) Chris T. Rukakoski, 105 Providence Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$5.20; 2) Carol A. Lovell, PO Box 281, Sterling, CT 06377-0281 for \$14.37 and \$67.26. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Reading Oil Meters for Property Located at 50 Main Street: Sharon Chviek, submitted a memo dated October 2014 stating that she wishes to relinquish the job of reading the oil meters on the furnaces at 50 Main Street, effective immediately. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Lincoln Cooper to read the oil meters on the furnaces at 50 Main Street. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Town-Owned Phase II Land/Sterling Industrial Park, Exeter Drive: Sharon Chviek, Economic Development Coordinator submitted a memo dated 10/29/2014 stating that she has met several times with John Olenick concerning the potential purchase of Town-owned Phase II Land in the Sterling Industrial Park for property located at Exeter Drive, (Assessor's Map 03842, Block 017, Lot 030A). S. Chviek stated that Phase II land is recognized by the State and, therefore, not under the jurisdiction of the Economic Development Office. J. Olenick, logger, of Blueledge Logging, rents space in Voluntown and is looking to own land in Sterling to operate a staging area for logging. Miscellaneous issues need to be discussed and worked out prior to the Town moving forward. S. Chviek will have an A-2 survey performed to divide up the parcels consisting of prime land and wetlands. The consensus of the Board of Selectmen is that J. Olenick needs to submit a proposal to the Board outlining his plans for the site. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik instructing S. Chviek, Economic Development Coordinator, to get additional information from J. Olenick of Blueledge Logging outlining his plans and stating the benefits to the Town. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: L. Cooper presented a request to the Board on behalf of the Family Day Committee asking if it would be possible to put a public notice board/sign at the Sterling Recreation ball field, similar to the State Parks. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to add this to the next agenda for discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary