

December 2, 2015

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 11/18/2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Economic Development Commission, Sterling Recreation Authority, & Zoning Board of Appeals):** James Filice expressed interest in joining the Economic Development Commission. Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator will mail him an agenda for the December meeting. 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. Gibson Park, LLC (f/n Sterling Park Campground):** 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.

**c. RPJ Community Center Repairs:** R. Gray reported that repairs at the Robert P. Jordan Community Center located at 50 Main Street, Sterling are a work in progress. The sheetrock is in the process of being put back up and the walls are completely insulated. Work should be wrapping up soon. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. The Upper Room/Tabernacles of Grace Chapel – 50 Main Street, Sterling:** R. Gray reported that Dr. Valerie A. Beauchene, ThD, Pastor of The Upper Room/Tabernacles of Grace Chapel located at 50 Main Street has vacated the left (former senior) side and has resumed occupying the right (former daycare) side.

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) Ally Financial, Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290-1951 for \$556.79; 2) Bellavance and Roy, LLC, PO Box 82, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$223.48; 3) CCAP Auto Lease, LTD., 8585 N. Stemmons Fwy., Dallas, TX 75247 for \$547.24; 4) Choice Tire, LLC, PO Box 350, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$38.14; 5) William A. and Laurie A. Gallup, 380 Valley View Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1616 for \$67.31; 6) Gary Gebert, 264 Harris Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1508 for \$9.23; 7) Hyundai Lease Titling TR, Box 105299, Atlanta, GA 30348 for \$342.23; 8) Deborah G. McGarry, 143 Sawmill Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1421 for \$20.03; and 9) Cheryl A. and Mitchell R. Parent, 17 Jenks Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1905 for \$83.83. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Adopting STEAP Grant Resolution – Gibson Hill Road:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, State monies are available under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), administered by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of municipal capital projects pursuant to Public Act 05-194; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sterling has opted into the STEAP Program Pursuant to Public Act 05-194; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in public interest that the Town of Sterling makes an application to the State for \$500,000 in STEAP funds in order to make repairs and improvements to Gibson Hill Road and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF STERLING:** That the filing of an application by the Town of Sterling in the amount of \$500,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to execute such other documents as

may be required by the Secretary, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Sterling.

All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Wi-Fi Access for Recreation Area – 1183 Plainfield Pike:** When the Sterling Municipal Building located at 1183 Plainfield Pike had Wi-Fi installed throughout the Town Hall, it was not extended to cover the Recreation Area. One (1) additional access point package needs to be installed in the hallway past the library at a cost of approximately \$200. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to have Savage Systems install one (1) additional Access Point Package with AP, Power Injector and Enclosure Cables for Wi-Fi in the hallway near the Recreation Office. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Request for Refund for Driveway Apron Bond #13-01 – 259 Newport Road:** Scott Belliveau has requested release of his driveway apron bond for property located at 259 Newport Road. R. Gray approved that the driveway apron has been installed properly. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to release driveway apron bond #13-01 in the amount of \$1,500 to Scott Belliveau, 100 Munyan Road, Putnam, CT 06260 for property located at 259 Newport Road, Oneco, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Consider & Act on FFY 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement Resolution:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

#### **Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sterling may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Russell M. Gray, as First Selectman of the Town of Sterling, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Sterling and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: L. Cooper reported that he inventoried the street lights to get an accurate count of how many are in Town and noted which street lights need bulbs replaced.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:47 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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