

January 11, 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-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 1/4/2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** Commission Vacancies for Water Pollution Control Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals are on the agenda in error. No candidate for the Planning & Zoning Commission. 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:** Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer will give a presentation next week, 1/18/2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen's meeting pertaining to the A2 survey from Dutch & Associates. 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. Consider & Act on Increasing CIRMA Liability – Auto-Property & Worker's Compensation:** R. Gray reported that he spoke with Betsy Chamberland of Frank Chamberland Agency and the Town's portion to increase the excess liability limit from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 would be \$1,050 plus the yearly increase of three (3) percent. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to increase the Town's Property and Liability Insurance from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for a total cost of \$27,568, including the three (3) percent annual increase, effective 7/1/2017. 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 request for refund to: 1) Nissan Infiniti LT, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265-0214 for \$248.38. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Resignation of Penny Keith from Safety Committee:** Penny Keith, submitted a letter of resignation, dated 1/9/2017 resigning immediately as Chairman and member of the Safety Committee stating, "I have always resented even the small amount of time it takes, and now my heart is not even it". J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept Penny Keith's resignation from the Safety Committee with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion. Discussion was held on holding yearly nominations for Chairman so no one individual would have the continued responsibility. J. Firlik shall write a brief charter establishing the duties and responsibilities of the Safety Committee.

**c. Consider & Act on Appointment of Heather George to Safety Committee:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Heather George to fill the vacancy created by Penny Keith to the Safety Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on Adopting Resolution Authorizing the First Selectman to Apply for and Administer a FY 2016-2017 Neglected Cemetery Account Grant:** R. Gray reported that Sterling is one (1) of twenty-one (21) municipalities awarded a \$2,000 grant to be used to repair the stone wall at the front entrance to the Cemetery and straighten memorial stones at the Gallup Cemetery. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) requires the Board of Selectmen to submit a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to apply for and administer the grant. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF STERLING** that the First Selectman is authorized to apply for a Neglected Cemetery Account Grant, and if the Town is awarded said grant, the First Selectman is authorized to sign such documents as are required by the State of Connecticut to accept and administer grant. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: R. Gray stated that he received an unsigned letter dated 1/10/2017, (similar to other past letters) regarding the commercial truck driver parking a white, SWIFT commercial truck on Sterling Government property in Oneco, at the old Town Hall. The letter states that this is no asset to the neighborhood and what is the Town's legal responsibility for this truck and its customer's loads and what if the trucker slips and falls on Town property? It was the consensus of the Selectmen to have R. Gray talk with the driver of the truck.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:22 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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