

June 4, 2014

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by First Selectman Russell Gray. Selectmen present-Lincoln Cooper and John Firlik. Staff present- Judy Lincoln. 189

Pledge: All 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 minutes of the May 21, 2014 meetings as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. **Commission Vacancies-** No candidates for the two vacancies (1-Alt P&Z & 1 Family Day)

b. **Excavation Ordinance-**No new information.

c. **Falls Creek Conservation Easement-**Not available yet. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. **Proposal to increase ZBA Application Fee-**J. Lincoln reported that the fee is a part of the Zoning Regulations and the ZBA would need to file an application with Planning & Zoning Commission for a change or the Board of Selectmen can make the request. It was noted that for the last ZBA Application it cost \$400.64 for the legal notices required. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to request the Planning & Zoning Commission to increase the ZBA Application fee to \$600.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. **Schedule Town Meeting to adopt Handicap Motor Vehicle Ordinance & Ordinance to Establish Energy Commission-**L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to set a date for the town meeting once the budgets have been approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. **Financing Expenses in Sterling Industrial Park-**Issues of paving, drainage, & the retention pond were not resolved at the last meeting and another meeting will be scheduled with the Development Coordinator for the June 18th Selectmen's meeting.

New Business:

a. **Requests for refund-**J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the following refund requests: 1) M. Squizzero, 53 Church St., Cranston, RI 02920 for \$325.71 and 2) J. Drager, 24 Old Norwich Rd., Griswold, CT 06351 for \$46.49. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. **Abatement of Taxes-**A letter from CT Office of Policy & Management dated 6/3/14 was received in response to the Selectmen's 5/20/14 request to abate Paul Campbell's taxes for grand list years 2007, 2008 and 2009. It stated that in accordance with CGS 12-124 the request is approved. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to abate taxes and interest in the amount of \$4,254.06 for personal property owned by Paul Campbell located in Sterling Park Campground on Gibson Hill Road for Grand List Years 2007, 2008, & 2009. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. **Consider need for Blight Ordinance-**Discussion was held on how this would be enforced. The consensus of the Selectmen was not to consider such an ordinance at this time.

d. **Consider need to change Selectmen's Meeting schedule-**L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to add an additional meeting date to the schedule which would be the second Wednesday of each month. All voted in favor. Selectmen Meeting will now be held on the first, second, and third, Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The second meeting will be used to review and recommend revisions to the Town's Employee Handbook and Town Policies along with other business as necessary.

Any other business: 1. Discussion held on updating Sterling website. 2. Discussion held on cleanup of property located at Snake Meadow Hill Road. It was the consensus that this is the homeowner's responsibility.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: Judith K. Lincoln
Judith K. Lincoln, Administrative Assistant