

July 16, 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, Demian Sorrentino, Rosalind Choquette, and Kara Fishman.

Also present-Stacy & Jose Abua, Sabrina & Wayne Durrigan, Ron & Eric Ellingson.

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

Audience of Citizens: 1) D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer read into the minutes a Notice of Violation & Order to Cease & Desist letter dated 7/5/2014 addressed to Wayne Durigan, record owner of property located at 241 North Sterling Road. Ron Ellingson of M&R Trucking was issued an Excavation Permit by the Board of Selectmen on 9/28/2011. Mr. Ellingson is requesting that the Order to Cease & Desist be lifted until the end of December, 2014 so he can reclaim the property and remove rock and process from the site. No additional topsoil shall be removed, except for the topsoil that Mr. Ellingson brought in and stockpiled. The site needs to be cleaned up, tapered back, seeded, and loamed to finish the final grade. R. Gray stated that a permit is not needed to regrade land. A "Gentlemen's Agreement" was made between R. Gray and R. Ellingson to grade the site and remove pre-existing rock. R. Choquette stated that the Excavation Ordinance should be in the Planning and Zoning Regulations so it could be enforced. 2) R. Choquette stated that with the passing of the Selectmen's Budget on 7/15/2014 when can we expect to see the Building Official in the office on Wednesday evenings. R. Gray responded that we probably won't due to the fact that his salary was not increased in the 2014-2015 budget. A lengthy discussion followed as to why office hours are important and residents have been complaining. S. Abua said she voice mailed the Building Inspector to come out to her property and it took six months before she was able to make contact with him. K. Fishman stated that she has left numerous files and messages on his desk for people who do not have permits and he has not gotten back to her. It was decided that the Selectmen will discuss this further. 3) S. Abua approached the Board of Selectmen on 7/2/2014 to discuss "Adopting-a-Site" for cleanup. Stacy has selected the Ye-Old Pound on Providence Road and would be responsible for clearing the area, defining the space, planting flowers and picking up the litter on a volunteer basis and at no cost to the Town. J. Firlik stated that brush cannot be cleared from the wetlands. The Board of Selectmen approved the site on Providence Road for clean-up.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to approve the 7/9/2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

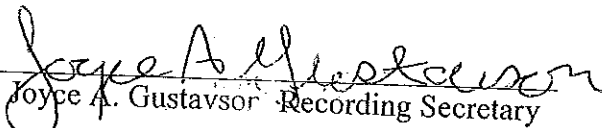
- a. **Commission Vacancies (Alternate P&Z and Family Day Committee):** No candidates for the two vacancies. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.
- b. **Excavation Ordinance:** No new information. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.
- c. **Falls Creek Conservation Easement:** No new information. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.
- d. **Schedule Special Town Meeting to Adopt Handicap Motor Vehicle Ordinance and Ordinance to Establish Energy Commission:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to consider and act on adoption of the ordinance entitled "Tax Exemption of Certain Motor Vehicles Specially Adapted for Persons with Disabilities"? and to consider and act on adoption of the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Creating an Energy Committee". All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

- a. **Discussion of Proposal by Randi Frank Consulting, LLC for Classification & Compensation Study Proposal:** It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to solicit additional bids. R. Gray will contact J. Filchak of NECOGG for a list of available consulting sources. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to obtain additional bids before a decision can be reached. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: It was noted that the 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget was approved 6/5/2014 and the Board of Selectmen Budget was approved 7/15/2014. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to lay a tax of 31.50 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of October 1, 2013 and said tax shall be due and payable as follows: August 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest:   
Joyce A. Gustavson Recording Secretary