

January 28, 2015

**Item I: Call to Order:** The special meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik present. Staff present-Demian Sorrentino and Joyce Gustavson. Also present-Amanda Chipman, Lina Sanford, Kevin and Elizabeth Costa. Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item II: Sterling Park Campground:** Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer sent a Notice of Violation, dated 1/23/2015 to Roland Toutant of Gibson Park, LLC. (copy on file) E. Costa stated that effective January 1, 2015, Sterling Park Campground has changed its name to Gibson Park, LLC. As soon as the water test results become available, the plans to convert the campground to a gated, age restricted community are moving forward.

E. Costa stated that A. Chipman's son and L. Sanford were brought into the campground without their knowledge or consent. This matter went to mediation on Friday, 1/23/2015 to no avail and will now go before the judge on Thursday, 1/29/2015 to follow through on the eviction.

L. Sanford stated that the campground is condemned.

K. Costa stated that he does not know L. Sanford and the park is not condemned; the swimming pool and a couple of the buildings are condemned, but not the campground. He has spoken to Norm Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates and Norm is putting together an estimate and proposal.

D. Sorrentino confirmed that K. Costa is working with Killingly Engineering Associates.

E. Costa stated that their funds are limited; they have paid back taxes owed by the previous owner, legal fees, etc., but are definitely moving ahead with the project.

D. Sorrentino stated that a letter was mailed to Roland Toutant, the owner of Gibson Park, LLC the only person required to receive notification of the violation and as a convenience to K. Costa and the remaining residents, copies were mailed. K. Costa stated that he is the owner of Gibson Park LLC and R. Toutant is acting as the banker. He will provide paperwork to R. Gray supporting his ownership of the campground. It was repeatedly stated by the Costa's that they are trying to do the right thing.

D. Sorrentino stated the right thing to do is not have year round residence. The Town's Ordinance has been violated for a very long time and should not continue. The Town wants it to stop and if this needs to go before the Windham County Superior Court, it will. All campgrounds are expected to follow the same Ordinance.

**Item II: Discussion on FY 2015-2016 Selectmen's Budget Proposal:** The Board of Selectman's Budget for FY 2015-2016 was reviewed and discussed.

**III: Adjournment:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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