The meeting of the Sterling Computer Assessment Committee was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
Members Present: Adam Belesimo, Ross Farrugia, and Robert Gauthier.
Also Present: Eric Gould.
Staff Present: Dale Boisselle.
Audience of Citizens: No Comment.
Approval of Minutes: R. Gauthier made a motion, seconded by A. Belesimo to approve the
5/18/2016 minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.
Correspondence: None.
Unfinished Business:
a. Discuss Findings from Software Usage Discussions: The following recommendations were
discussed: 1) R. Farrugia reviewed the Nutmeg Network information that he obtained from
Wendy Rego from the University of Connecticut. Rachel Vincent, Town Librarian has an
agreement to join the Nutmeg Network. She should sign the agreement and return to W. Rego.
The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a grant available to cover 40-60 percent of
the fiber installation; the State Library has additional funds available that could cover the
remaining costs. There could be an additional charge or a prorating charge of the actual cost for
the Town Hall to be included. The approximate cost to get connected to the Nutmeg Network is
$37,400 with a monthly fee of $100. There is an additional fee of $150 per month for ten (10)
MEG of usage. Once the town is connected, the Fire Department can use the network, at no cost.
Currently they are not using the network. 2) Recommend that all Personal Computers (PC's) be
replaced, twenty percent (20%) a year, creating a five (5) year cycle. 3) Recommend that there be
a line item in the town budget for an Internet Technology (IT) expense to be used for all projects
and infrastructure. The Board of Selectman should determine what projects should be done. All
fixed costs should be a separate line item in each department's budget. 4) Recommend Voice over
Internet Protocol (VoIP) for telephone service instead of what we currently have. This would need
to go out to bid. 5) Recommend that the Town move to a single piece of financial software
between Town and school. At this point Tyler Technologies has an edge. 6) Recommend that the
switches be replaced; however, A. Belesimo thinks we should hold off on anything until we iron
out the infrastructure. 7) Recommend that the Town switch to Microsoft Office 360 for easier
document sharing which would include Sharepoint.
b. Discuss Board of Finance Update: A. Belesimo will present the recommendations outlined
above to the Board of Finance at their meeting scheduled for June 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the
Sterling Municipal Building, Room #15 located at 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.
New Business: None
Any Other Business: None
Adjournment: R. Gauthier made a motion, seconded by A. Belesimo, to adjourn the meeting at
8:12 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Dale Boisselle, Recording Secretary