

July 6, 2016

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Selectmen present-Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper, and John Firlik.

Staff present-Demian Sorrentino and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Andrew & Kimberly Tetreault, Ethel Tetreault, and Kate Donnelly.

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Recreation Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals): No new information. 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: The following was submitted into record: A memo dated 6/21/2016 from the Planning & Zoning Commission's meeting held on 6/16/2016 stating that in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Sterling Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed the 8-24 referral request and found that the potential sale of Town owned land located northerly of Snake Meadow Hill Road and westerly of Margaret Henry Road is consistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (copy on file). The next step before this goes to a Town Meeting is to have the town owned right-of-way appraised. D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer submitted a memo dated 7/6/2016 with a list of three (3) local appraisal services. Fishman Appraisal Services, Dayville, CT 06241, Spaulding Appraisal Services, Danielson, CT 06239 and Bernier Associates, LLC., Dayville, CT 06241 (copy on file). L. Cooper made a motion seconded by J. Firlik to hire Fishman Appraisal Services, P.O. Box 264, Dayville, CT 06241 to appraise the town owned right-of-way located northerly of Snake Meadow Hill Road and westerly of Margaret Henry Road and if Fishman Appraisal Services cannot appraise the land then contact Spaulding Appraisal Services, 166 Halls Hill Road, Danielson, CT 06239. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Senior Center and Library): R. Gray reported that the work pertaining to the Senior Center, located at the Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT has been completed. The plumbing to the septic tank and the concrete in front of the gym has been repaired. R. Gray will contact Rodney Young of Mattern Construction, Baltic, CT to get a quote to repair the urinals. R. Gray also reported that L. Cooper will check out the Library restrooms in order to restore the flow of water to the facilities. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider and Act on Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding: Kate Donnelly of SmartPower explained to the Board of Selectmen the Solarize Connecticut Program. Solarize Connecticut is a program managed by SmartPower, sparked by the Connecticut Green Bank. It is an 18 week program geared toward educating residents and increasing solar power usage within Connecticut at a savings to the homeowner. The Town would select a solar installer (company) to work with residents and the homeowner is under no obligation to retain the company that the Town has selected. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table until after the Sterling Energy Committee reviews the Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding at their meeting scheduled for Thursday, 7/14/2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Discussion Regarding Park Model Camper Trailer by James Piro for Property Located at 77 Deerfield Drive: D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer reported that he contacted Kari Olsen, Town attorney and asked if a stipulation could be placed on the land use records allowing the Piro's to have a permanent camp trailer on the property served by a septic system and on-site well. K. Olsen stated that the Town cannot place a stipulation on the land use records that goes against the existing Mobile Parks and Trailer Ordinance. The Ordinance is in place to prohibit campers from residing in the Town. The Piro's could submit an application to the Board of Selectmen requesting a 30 day occupancy permit and then could request a 30 day extension for a total of 60 days. K. Olsen suggested that the language of the Sterling Mobile Parks and Trailer

Ordinance could be reviewed and changes could be made to allow seasonal campers in certain areas within the town. D. Sorrentino will contact Mr. & Mrs. Piro and inform them that they cannot have a permanent park model camper on the property located at 77 Deerfield Drive.

New Business: None.

Any Other Business: 1) R. Gray stated that Matt Maher, the recipient of the Connecticut Boys State – Leadership Program for high school juniors was not available to attend tonight’s meeting to give a presentation on what he learned during the week long program. 2) R. Gray reported that Todd Dexter called him regarding the gypsy moth/caterpillars in Sterling. Mr. Dexter contacted the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to see about spraying next year and was informed that funds are not available. R. Gray will contact State Representative, Joe Courtney to see if funding is available next year. 3) L. Cooper inquired about the replacing the culverts and paving on Gibson Hill Road. R. Gray stated that we have not heard about the STEAP Grant or the State House Bond Application that was submitted. Once we begin the work on Gibson Hill Road, we can no longer apply for the grant. R. Gray will contact Jason Knight, a legislative aide in the Connecticut General Assembly for State Representative, Paul Brycki for an update. 4) L. Cooper suggested forming a committee to work on extending the Memorial Day Parade festivities into the afternoon and have flags placed on lighted telephone poles similar to other surrounding towns. L. Cooper will work with J. Gustavson to send out an email and post a notice on the website asking residents if they are interested in being part of a committee to look at placing flags on lighted telephone poles and extending the Memorial Day Parade to a picnic in the afternoon. 5) **Consider and Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 785 Margaret Henry Road – Richard & Doris LaHaie:** Richard and Doris LaHaie submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 7/6/2016 for property located at 785 Margaret Henry Road. R. Gray made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the application for driveway construction permit #16-03 for property located at 785 Margaret Henry Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:50 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary