

September 21, 2016

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Selectmen present-Russell Gray and John Firlik. Selectman absent-Lincoln Cooper.  
Staff present-Joyce Gustavson and Judy Gooslin.  
Also present-Neil Cook and Robert Wittenzellner.

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 8/31/2016 special meeting minutes, the 9/7/2016 meeting minutes, and the 9/13/2016 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Agricultural Commission, Recreation Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** Appointments to the Agricultural Commission and the Recreation Authority will be addressed later in tonight's meeting. No new information regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray 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:** No new information. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Library):** No new information. J. Firlik made a motion seconded by R. Gray to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Consider & Act on Appointment to Sterling Agricultural Commission – Joyce Jordan, 1015 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 Replacing Andy Meek:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to appoint Joyce Jordan, 1015 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to the Sterling Agricultural Commission to a two (2) year term expiring 03/12/2018 replacing Andy Meek. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Alternate Appointment to Sterling Recreation Authority – Tammy Rose, PO Box 79, Oneco, CT 06373 and move Alt. Member Anthony Tran to Reg. Member Replacing Dawn Webster:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to appoint Tammy Rose, PO Box 79, Oneco, CT 06373 as an alternate to the Sterling Recreation Authority to a three (3) year term expiring 03/06/2018 and move Anthony Tran, 6 Mechanic Street, Moosup, CT 06354 from an alternate member to a regular member to a three (3) year term expiring 03/06/2018 replacing Dawn Webster. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Sterling Recreation Authority Fundraising Campaign for the Creation of an Ice Skating Rink at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT 06373:** J. Gooslin, Recreation Director stated that she would like to create an ice skating rink at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building. The anticipated cost is \$6,000. J. Gooslin is asking the Board for approval to solicit funds to offset the cost by initially reaching out to staff and to the volunteers who serve on commissions with the intent of receiving 100 percent participation. If approved, the mailing would go out at the end of next week and within a month a second mailing would be mailed to various vendors who do business with the town stating the percent of participation from staff and commission members. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve J. Gooslin's request to proceed with the proposed fundraising activities to create an ice skating rink at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT 06373. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on Sterling Recreation Authority Implementing an After School Activities Program at Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT:** J. Gooslin reported that she has been approached by more than twenty (20) families expressing a need for an after school activities program in Town. The cost to start the program will go over and beyond the FY 2016-2017 Recreation Budget. The program will be self-sufficient and the anticipated costs from November 2016 through June 2017 will be approximately \$20,000. She is asking the Selectmen to make a recommendation to the Board of

Finance requesting an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Recreation Budget, Athletic Facilities and Programs for FY 2016-2017 to be used to start the program. J. Gooslin also stated that she is working with Laurie Audette, a supervisor of Childcare Licensing for the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood and it was noted that it is not a requirement for municipalities to be licensed to provide an after school activities program; it will be set up like the summer recreation program. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to scheduled a Special Board of Finance meeting for Wednesday, 9/28/2016 at 6:45 p.m. pending approval from David Shippee, Chairman, requesting a \$20,000 appropriation for FY 2016-2017 to the Recreation Budget, Athletic Facilities and Programs for start up costs. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: J. Firlik would like to have a Tri-Board meeting scheduled as soon as possible to address the current school bus program vs. outsourcing services. J. Gustavson will contact the school for possible dates to present to the Board of Finance.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray, to adjourn 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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