

January 4, 2017

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.

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

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 12/7/2016 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Planning & Zoning Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, and Zoning Board of Appeals):** Appointments to the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Zoning Board of Appeals will take place later tonight under New Business. No new information for the Planning & Zoning Commission. 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:** R. Gray reported that he spoke to Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer earlier tonight and stated that Demian has received the preliminary copy of the A2 survey from Dutch & Associates. The abutters will be invited for a presentation at the Board of Selectmen's meeting scheduled for 1/18/2017 at 6:00 p.m. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. West Wing Restroom Facilities (Library):** Regarding the West Wing Restroom Facilities (Library): R. Gray reported that he received the following three (3) quotes: N. P. Brulotte Plumbing & Heating, \$6,200.00; Warren Brothers, LLC, \$9,320.00; and Peter Barbeau Plumbing and Heating, \$9,642.84. The Selectmen reviewed the bids and decided to go with N. P. Brulotte Plumbing & Heating. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid to N. P. Brulotte Plumbing & Heating, 40 Club House Road, Lisbon, CT 06351 in the amount of \$6,200.00 to replace four (4) toilets with an American Disabilities Act (ADA) approved toilet, including toilet seats and flush valves, replace four (4) urinal flush valves, replace four (4) bathroom sinks with cast iron sinks, new faucets, new supply valves and traps and to extend one (1) drain pipe through the wall for each bathroom sink, including all materials and labor. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refund to: 1) Bank of America (LeReta, LLC), 1123 S. Parkview, Covina, CA 91724 for \$400.00 and 2) Robert G. & Susanne DeRouin, 50 Miller Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1511 for \$8.97. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on appointment of Lincoln Cooper to the Water Pollution Control Authority (1 yr. term expiring 3/4/2017):** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to appoint Lincoln Cooper, 420 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to fill the vacancy created by Dale Clark to the Water Pollution Control Authority to a one (1) year term expiring 3/4/2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Appointment of Betsy Chamberland as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 yr. term expiring 8/12/2018):** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Betsy Chamberland, PO Box 184, Sterling, CT 06377 to fill the vacancy created by Jim Perry to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a three (3) year term expiring 8/12/2018. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Minimum Wage Increase Effective 1/1/2017:** According to Senate Bill No. 32, Public Act No. 14-1, An Act Concerning Working Families' Wages, effective 1/1/2017, the minimum wage will increase from \$9.60 to \$10.10 per hour. The increase will affect the two (2) senior meal site coordinators and most of the recreation employees.

**e. Consider & Act on Increasing CIRMA Liability – Auto-Property & Worker's Compensation:** R. Gray received an email dated 12/19/2016 from Penny Smith of CIRMA (Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency) requesting to increase the excess liability

limit from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The additional annual increase would be approximately \$2,000. This estimate would be adjusted with any change in the Town and Board of Education's total operating expenses at renewal. Discussion was held. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. Consider & Act on Mileage Reimbursement:** According to the Internal Revenue Service Newswire dated 12/13/2016, the standard mileage rate for transportation for travel expenses effective 1/1/2017 is 53.5 cents per mile for all miles of business use. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to use 53.5 cents, the standard mileage rate for transportation for travel expenses effective 1/1/2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to adjourn 6:46 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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