

April 5, 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 3/15/2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Planning & Zoning Commission):** No candidate for the Planning & Zoning Commission. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Discussion of Employee Safety Committee Guide:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. 2017-2018 Proposed Selectmen's Budget:** This item was on the agenda in error.

**d. The Upper Room Tabernacles of Grace Chapel – Security Deposit:** R. Gray reported that The Upper Room Tabernacles of Grace Chapel has vacated the rental property at the Jordan Center, located at 50 Main Street. Both he and L. Cooper inspected the premises and found it to be in excellent condition. When The Upper Room Tabernacles of Grace Chapel began renting the premises in 2013, a security deposit in the amount of \$2,000 was paid to the Town. It was also noted that rent, in the amount of \$1,800 (\$900 each month) has been paid for April and May 2017 and should be refunded. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to refund The Upper Room Tabernacles of Grace Chapel \$3,800 (\$2,000 security deposit and the rent money paid for April and May \$1,800). All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 161 Calvin French Road – Joseph Cadieux & Gina Franco:** Joseph Cadieux and Gina Franco have submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 4/5/2017 for property located at 161 Calvin French Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the application for a driveway construction permit #17-01 for property located at 161 Calvin French Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Request for Refund for Driveway Apron Bond #12-02 – Corner Properties, Inc. – 874 Gibson Hill Road:** Corner Properties, Inc. has requested release of driveway apron bond #12-02 in the amount of \$500. R. Gray stated that Corner Properties, Inc. has sold the property located at 874 Gibson Hill Road and there has been no activity on this parcel. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to release driveway apron bond #12-02 in the amount of \$500 to Corner Properties, Inc. PO Box 379, Putnam, CT 06260 for property located at 874 Gibson Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Schedule Special Town Meeting for 2017-2018 Budget Vote:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to hold a special Town meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building Gym for the following purposes:

1. To adopt the budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$8,178,377 as approved by the Board of Finance and to appropriate said sums of monies for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.
2. To adopt the budget of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$2,790,490, as approved by the Board of Finance and to appropriate said sums of monies for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.
3. To adopt the Local Capital Improvement Plan and Budget in the amount of \$292,409 as approved by the Board of Finance and to appropriate said sums of monies for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.

And in accordance with Section 7-7 of the CT General Statutes, to remove these items to a referendum vote to be held Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on 2017 Ford F-550 Dump Truck:** The Board of Selectmen received the following bid for one (1) new dump truck. Crowley Ford, LLC, Lincoln and Mercury, 225 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062 in the amount of \$67,581.20. Josh McLeod, Town Mechanic solicited this bid through the State of Connecticut, Contracting Portal, Department of Administrative Services; State Contract Award #10PSX0239- Supplement #43. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid for the purchase of a 2017 Ford F-550 Cab chassis 4x2 Regular cab XL 141” wheel base dump truck to Crowley Ford, LLC, Lincoln and Mercury, 225 New Britain Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062 for \$69,581.20 minus \$2,000 for the trade-in allowance for the 1997 Navistar 4700 chassis with dump body (115,000 miles) reducing the price to \$67,581.20. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Old Town Hall – 1114 Plainfield Pike – Light Fixtures:** R. Gray reported that Jeff Griffin is interested in purchasing ten (10) used drop ceiling light fixtures at the old Town Hall, located at 1114 Plainfield Pike. New light fixtures sell for \$60 apiece. The Town has offered to sell them for \$150 and J. Griffin has counter offered \$50 for all ten (10). Discussion followed about the value of the lights. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next scheduled meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) R. Gray reported that he spoke to Louis Magiera regarding the right of reverter for 1114 Plainfield Pike. L. Magiera does not own the property, it is owned by Shane Magiera, LLC (Assessor’s record – 1148 Plainfield Pike, LLC). Hank Graff took the Town to court over the right of reverter and lost. At the time, the plan was for the Fire Marshal to move to that location. There is no reason for the Town to continue maintaining Town owned property located at 1114 Plainfield Pike (the old Town Hall). R. Gray also stated that L. Magiera will speak with his grandson, Shane regarding right of reverter at 1114 Plainfield Pike. L. Cooper made a motion to table this item to the May 3, 2017 agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. 2) The PowerPoint Presentation was reviewed and discussed.

**e. Consider & Act on FFY 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement Resolution:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Sterling may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Russell M. Gray, as First Selectman of the Town of Sterling, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Sterling and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper, to adjourn 7:11 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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