

July 12, 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.

Also present-Don Aubrey, Neil Cook, Betsy Chamberland, and Robert Wittenzeller.

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to approve the 7/5/2017 meeting minutes as presented. Two voted in favor of the motion and one abstention. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

a. Consider and Act on Structured Cabling System and/or Network Switch and/or Network Server Bids:

The Computer Assessment Committee is meeting later tonight to review the bids. 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. Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation of \$23,040 from the General Fund Balance to the Selectmen's 2017-2018 Budget – Town Hall Expenses – Maintenance to Retrofit the Lighting at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/26/2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve retrofitting the lighting at the Sterling Municipal Building located at 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

c. Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation of \$28,626 from the General Fund Balance to the Selectmen's 2017-2018 Budget – Public Safety – Street Lights with LED Street Lighting: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/26/2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve the replacement of seventy-four (74) street lights with LED street lighting.

d. Excavation Application for 1148 Plainfield Pike – 1148 Plainfield Pike, LLC: The Board of Selectmen referred the Excavation Application for 1148 Plainfield Pike, LLC for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review.

e. Consider and Act on Bids for Pipe Materials, Earth Materials, and Excavation Services for the Replacement of 15 Existing Stormwater Culverts and the Installation of 1 New Stormwater Culvert on Gibson Hill Road: R. Gray stated that bids for the replacement of fifteen (15) stormwater culverts and the installation of one (1) new stormwater culvert was discussed at last week's meeting. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to reject all bids. All voted in favor of the motion. Discussion followed regarding rebidding the project. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to have Towne Engineering review the bid notice and rebid the project. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Discussion Regarding Replacement and Weight Limit of Sumola Bridge Located off of River Road:

Don Aubrey, Town Engineer, submitted the following bid proposals for labor and equipment and materials to repair both of the stone bridge abutments supporting the Sumola Bridge located off of River Road: 1) James Shea-\$5,600 for labor and \$637.40 for materials for a total of \$6,237.40; and 2) Mattern Construction, Inc.-\$16,520.00. The following proposals were submitted for a prefabricated modular steel vehicle bridge superstructure: 1) BIGR-\$52,975; and 2) US Bridge-\$46,355. Discussion followed on whether to build and grade a road or house the residents when the bridge is closed denying them access to their residence for the 2/3 (two/three) months it will take to install a new bridge. Before any work can begin, an application needs to be submitted to the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to award the bid for labor and equipment and materials to repair both stone bridge abutments supporting the Sumola Bridge, located off of River Road to James Shea, 21 Sumola Road, Sterling, CT 06377

for \$637.40 for materials and \$5,600 for labor making the final total \$6,237.40. All voted in favor of the motion.

Don Aubrey, Town Engineer discussed placing an 18' x 24' weight limit sign before Sumola Bridge displaying the 5 (five) ton weight limit with emphasis on the 5 (five). A weight limit sign is posted on the bridge and this larger sign would be placed before the bridge. D. Aubrey will monitor the safety of the bridge on a weekly basis.

b. Request for Refund of Excess Tax Payments: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to: 1) CAB East, LLC, 2975 Breckinridge Boulevard, Duluth, GA 30096 for \$276.94. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray, to adjourn 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary