

August 9, 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 and Jamie Rabbitt.

Also present-Normand Thibeault, Betsy Chamberland, and Dianna Firlik (6:17 p.m.).

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 L. Cooper to approve the 8/2/2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Excavation Application for 1148 Plainfield Pike – 1148 Plainfield Pike, LLC:** James D. Rabbitt, Town Planner, submitted a letter dated 8/6/2017 addressing his initial review and associated site plans prepared by Killingly Engineering Associates for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike (copy on file). N. Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates presented the application to the Board of Selectmen stating that the total area is 26.9 acres with frontage on Plainfield Pike and Providence Road. Activity shall take place on Providence Road. The bulk of the gravel has been removed, but several large stockpiles are on site. A berm with an elevation higher than the surface exists and will remain around the perimeter of the excavated area, eliminating any transport of sedimentation into the Moosup River and wetlands. Per the request of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission, the western swale at the outflow of the 48" RCP (reinforced concrete pipe) shall be stabilized on the approved plan before any gravel removal activity is to be commenced. J. Rabbitt stated that the proposed excavation application does not completely comply with the requirements contained within the Town's Zoning Regulations; however, the applicant can request waiver provisions of certain items contained within the regulations pertaining to the site plan ingredient requirements. Waivers, vegetative cover, removal of material (truck trips, days, and hours), and construction cost estimates for soil and erosion controls, site stabilization and drainage improvements, as well as, any public improvements proposed were discussed. Also discussed was the erosion and sediment control surety, which should be maintained at all times during the life of the permit or until the site has been completely restored. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Discussion Regarding Replacement of Sumola Bridge Located off of River Road:** No new information. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Request of Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to: 1) Robert J. McLevy, 36 Miller Road, Sterling, CT 06377-1512 for \$18.96 and \$43.25; 2) James M. Reinwald, 936 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377-2119 for \$19.11. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) **Schedule Special Town Meeting for Annual Report:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to hold the Annual town Meeting on Wednesday, 8/30/2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to act on the reports of the town, authorize borrowing for the ensuing year, and designate banks for town depositories. All voted in favor of the motion. 2) **North Sterling Road Gravel Bank:** R. Gray stated that Don Aubrey, Town Engineer is scheduled to visit the gravel bank located on North Sterling Road, n/f, the Potvin Site, to review the unpermitted dumping and recycling activity. R. Gray also stated that the owner of the site, 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC has submitted an application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), but was told to load up the unpermitted dumping and haul it back to New Haven as no permit has been issued. DEEP is willing to work with the applicant.

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

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

