

December 6, 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-Demian Sorrentino and Joyce Gustavson.

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

Audience of Citizens: None.

Approval of Minutes: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 11/15/2017 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. North Sterling Road Gravel Bank:** D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer updated the Board on the status of the North Sterling Road Gravel Bank owned by 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC stating that the applicant was cited for four (4) violations and this matter was forwarded to legal counsel. On 11/9/2017, 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC filed a Notice of Appeal to Sterling's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). As of 11/14/2017 the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) has not received a response to the Notice of Violation that they issued 10/12/2017. D. Sorrentino stated that he emailed the applicant's attorney, David Weiss, with a proposed schedule to receive the ZBA application and schedule a public hearing in February which would require a ten (10) day extension granted by the applicant. The applicant is not in compliance with the Connecticut's solid waste and hazardous waste regulations or the Town's Zoning Regulations. A twenty-four (24) page inspection report issued by DEEP Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division (WEED) is on file. D. Sorrentino will follow up with Evelyn Silva of DEEP/WEED. 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 Regarding Fracking Waste Ban:** No new information. 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. Retrofit Lighting at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:** No new information. L. Cooper made a motion seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Staff Meeting with O'Connor Davies, LLP:** No new information. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Excavation Application for Canterbury Realty, LLC – 76, 92 & 94 Sterling Road:** R. Gray stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting held on 11/21/2017 referred the Special Excavation Application for Canterbury Realty, LLC for property located at 76, 92, and 94 Sterling Road back to the Board of Selectmen. Submitted for the record are preliminary comments dated 12/1/2017 from Don Aubrey, Town Engineer. A public hearing for Canterbury Realty, LLC has been scheduled for Wednesday, 1/10/2018 at 6:30 in Room #15.

New Business:

**a. Consider & Act on 2018 Schedule of Meetings:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Heather George, Town Clerk (4 yr. term expiring 12/30/2021):** R. Gray made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Heather George, 499 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331 to a four (4) year term expiring 12/30/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Geoffrey Cooper and Alternate Fred Parker (1 yr. term expiring 12/31/2018) to Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to re-appoint Geoffrey Cooper, 111 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Alternate Fred Parker, 53 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 12/31/2018 to the Voluntown/Sterling Transfer Station. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Request of Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the request for refunds to Toyota Lease Trust, 2975 Breckinridge Boulevard, Duluth, GA 30096 for \$105.64 and \$31.44. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Request of Refund for 2015 Building Permit Application – Donald Roberts, Jr., - 6 Legacy Drive:** R. Gray stated that he received a letter from Donald A. Roberts, Jr., of SK Management Services, LLC asking for a refund for an abandoned building project for property located at 6 Legacy Drive,

Sterling, CT. The permit was pulled 8/14/2015 in the amount of \$1,711.14; \$125.00 for Wetlands Fee; \$125.00 for Zoning Fee; and \$1,461.14 for Building Permit Application Fee. J. Firlik made a motion to refund SK Management Services, LLC, c/o Donald A. Roberts, Jr., 11 Grandstand Drive, Lincoln, RI 02865 in the amount of \$1,711.14 minus \$125 for Wetlands Fee; \$125 for Zoning Fee; \$250 for Plan Review; \$100 for Permit Processing and Filing; \$50 for Refund Processing; and \$150 for Administrative Cost for a total refund in the amount of \$911.14. All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. Consider & Act on Proclamation Recognizing School Choice Week:** A motion was made by J. Firlik, seconded by L. Cooper to not adopt the proclamation recognizing School Choice Week from January 21 through January 27, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to authorize Kyle Collins, Building Official to establish a building permit refund policy. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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