

June 6, 2018

The meeting of the Sterling Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Selectmen present- Russell Gray, Lincoln Cooper and John Firlik.

Staff present-Dale Boisselle and Josh McLoud(6:05)

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 5/16/2018 meeting minutes, the 5/21/18 special meeting minutes, and the 5/21/18 public hearing minutes as presented. Two voted in favor, one abstained. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 5/30/18 public hearing minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Retrofit Lighting at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:

Installation of is currently ongoing. 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. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, and Family Day Committee): No new information on a candidate for the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission and Family Day Committee. 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. Public Hearing on Application for Excavation Permit for Tilcon Connecticut, Inc. for 0 Sterling Road (Route 14): The continued public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

d. Public Hearing on Application for Excavation Permit for Sterling Materials, LLC (South) for 258 Newport Road: The continued public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

e. Consider & Act on School Bus Bids: The Board of Selectmen received the following bids for one (1) new school bus: 1) Dattco, Inc. \$89,500 plus \$710 to install radio. Child check mate system and trade-in is included in the bid price for a final bid in the amount of \$90,210; 2) School Lines, Inc., \$92,165 plus \$700 to install radio. The child check mate system is included in the bid price, minus \$750 for the trade in, for a final bid price in the amount of \$92,115. Town Mechanic J. McLoud has reviewed the school bus bids and recommends purchasing the 2019 IC CE. He also recommended the addition of LED SOS lights at an additional cost of \$450 for safety reasons. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid for the purchase of a 2019 IC CE 25 Passenger to Dattco, of 315 South Street, New Britain, CT 06051 for \$89,500 plus \$710 to install radio and \$450 to install LED SOS lights. Child check mate system and trade-in is included in the bid price for a final bid in the amount of \$90,660. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Geoffrey Cooper, Scott Blinkhorn, & Andrew Hatfield to (5 yr. term expiring 5/31/23) to Economic Development

Commission: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Geoffrey Cooper, 111 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377; Scott. Blinkhorn, 180 Woodland Road, Moosup, CT 06354; and Andrew Hatfield, PO Box 5, Oneco, CT 06373 to the Economic Development Commission for a five year term ending 5/31/2023 . All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Request of Refund of Excess Tax Payments – Michael Gonzales – \$151.05: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request for refund to Michael Gonzales, 701 Aqui Esta Drive, Lot 178, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 for \$151.05. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Resignation of Andre Benoit from Economic Development Commission: R. Gray received a letter from Andre Benoit, dated 5/7/18 stating “This is my resignation from E. D. C. board starting 7/10/18 after the meeting.” L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to accept A. Benoit’s resignation from Economic Development Commission with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Schedule Public Hearing on Application for Excavation Permit for Sterling Materials LLC (North) for 220 Newport Road: An Excavation Ordinance Application was received on 5/15/18 from Bruce Woodis of KWP Associates, Inc. on behalf of Sterling Materials, LLC (north) for property located at 220 Newport Road for the removal of approximately 400,000 yards of sand and gravel from 17.4 acres. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 directly following the 6:00 p.m. hearing in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Vote to Lay Tax and Schedule Collection Dates: R. Gray made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to lay a tax of 31.94 mils on the dollar of the Grand List of October 1, 2017 and that said tax shall be due and payable on July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Request of Refund for 2018 Building Permit and Driveway Construction Application – Hilltop Contractors – 755 Margaret Henry Road: R. Gray stated that he had received a letter from Peter Thurlow, of Hilltop Contractors, LLC asking for a refund for a building permit fees as well as the driveway bond for property located at 755 Margaret Henry Road due to the recent sale of the property prior to starting the project. The Building permit was approved on 4/19/18 in the amount of \$1608.54; \$125.00 for Wetlands Fee; \$125.00 for Zoning Fee; and \$1358.54 for a Building Permit Application Fee. The Driveway Construction Application was approved on 4/11/18 and the following fees received; Bond for Driveway Construction of \$1500.00 and Construction Permit of \$35.00. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper refund Hilltop Contractors, LLC c/o Peter Thurlow, 32 Railroad Street, Pomfret, CT 06259 in the amount of \$3,143.54 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 \$2,343.54. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) R. Gray reported that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has announced the Neglected Cemetery Grant Program is accepting applications for grants up to \$2000.00. This year the town shall submit an application to OPM for the Neglected Cemetery Grant Program for the Riverside Cemetery located on Plainfield Pike to repair or straighten memorial stones. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF STERLING that the First Selectman, Russell M. Gray is authorized to apply for a Neglected Cemetery account Grant, and if the Town is awarded said grant, the First Selectman is authorized to sign such documents as are required by the State of Connecticut to accept and administer grant.

All voted in favor of the motion

2) R. Gray reported that he had received a letter from Demian Sorrentino, Sterling Zoning Enforcement Officer addressed to Charles W. Corson, Jr. regarding the expired excavation permit for 160 Sterling Road. "...this correspondence shall serve as the second notice that the Excavation Permit, issued for the above referenced property in February of 2013, HAS EXPIRED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2018. As the excavation is ongoing, you are currently in violation of the Sterling Excavation Ordinance and Sterling Zoning Regulations..."

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Dale Boisselle, General Office Assistant