

August 8, 2018

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: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 7/11/2018 public hearing and meeting minutes and the 7/25/2018 public hearing and special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

**a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Family Day Committee, and Economic Development Commission):** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. No item b.** Incomplete (Consider & Possible) on the agenda in error.

New Business:

**a. Request of Refund of Excess Tax Payments:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the request of refunds to: 1) Gerald & Nancy Dewhirst, 749 Margaret Henry Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$31.30; 2) Jeffrey Griffin, 49 Gore Road, Lancaster, NH 03584 for \$5.97; 3) Jeffrey & Kim Griffin, 49 Gore Road, Lancaster, NH 03584 for \$77.26 and \$168.90; 4) Robert Habercoss, 327 Pine Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$13.51; 5) Kevin Horton, 439 Calvin French Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$13.12; 6) Gary Jolin & Cathy Gluck, 450 Sterling Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354-2034 for \$44.71. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider & Act on Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) Contracts: Animal Control Services, Paramedic Intercept Services, and Transit Services:** R. Gray reported that the following contracts were received from the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG): Animal Control Services, Paramedic Intercept Services, and Transit Services. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Animal Control Services Contract, the Paramedic Intercept Services Contract, and the Transit Services Contract on behalf of the Town of Sterling. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Stephen Offiler, Robert Lassar, Russell Dexter, and Alternate Betsy Chamberland to (3 yr. term expiring 8/13/2021) to Zoning Board of Appeals:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to re-appoint Stephen Offiler, 638 Snake Meadow Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377; Robert Lassar, 88 Gibson Hill Road, PO Box 127, Sterling, CT 06377; Russell Dexter, 62 Barber Road, Sterling, CT 06377; and Alternate Betsy Chamberland, PO Box 184, Sterling, CT 06377 to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) term expiring 8/13/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget – Highways – Road Resurfacing:** The Board of Finance approved a \$1,000,000 appropriation from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget, Highways - Road Resurfacing line item. Discussion was held regarding the roads that are in the worse shape. It is the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to resurface 6,317 linear feet on Church Street; 1,630 linear feet on Ledge Hill Road; 10,966 linear feet on Pine Hill Road; and +/- 2,300 linear feet on Porter Pond Road. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to hold a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve an additional appropriation of

\$1,000,000 from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget – Highways - Road Resurfacing. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Approve an Appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget – Capital**

**Accounts – Facilities Maintenance:** The Board of Finance approved a \$1,000,000 appropriation from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget – Capital Accounts – Facilities Maintenance for the purpose of paying for repairs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements to any and all Town owned properties with prior Board of Finance approval. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to hold a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Town's General Fund to the Board of Selectmen's FY 2018-2019 Budget – Capital Accounts - Facilities Maintenance. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: 1) R. Gray reported that he received a letter from Don Aubrey, Town Engineer dated 8/7/2018 regarding the 2018 mandated Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) inspection of the Sterling Pond Dam. D. Aubrey conducted an onsite inspection and noted that all of the tall vegetation needs to be removed to ground level before any serious inspections can be made. R. Gray shall have the Highway Department cut back the brush (copy on file). 2) R. Gray reported that he received another letter from Don Aubrey, Town Engineer dated 8/7/2018 regarding pavement striping for Gibson Hill Road (copy on file).

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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