

April 3, 2019

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 Sherri Soucy.

Also present- Larisa Carr, Harry Heller, Henry Mercier, and Joe Spurgeon.

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

Audience of Citizens: Henry Mercier of Mercier Construction, LLC, a local contractor would like to be considered to do contractual road work maintenance for the Town. Henry has been in business for over forty (40) years and has experience in replacing culverts, bridge work, and above ground excavation.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 3/13/2019 meeting minutes and the 3/19/2019, 3/28/2019, and the 4/1/2019 special meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to move New Business ahead of Unfinished Business. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the bills for 3/21/2019 in the amount of \$34,728.40 and for 4/4/2019 in the amount of \$11,366.64. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Schedule Public Hearing on Application for Excavation Permit by American Industries, Inc. – 609 Sterling Road (Route 14): The Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting held 3/19/2019 referred the Application for an Excavation Permit to the Board of Selectmen. The proposed activity is to excavate and remove 726,300 cubic yards of structural earth product conducted in five (5) phases over a five (5) year period for property located at 609 Sterling Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Discussion regarding Health Insurance with Larisa Carr of Eastern CT Health Insurance Program: Larisa Carr, Administrator and Joe Spurgeon, Broker of Eastern Connecticut Health Insurance Program (ECHIP) stated that ECHIP has been running for over six (6) years and is based on a self-funded health insurance model; whereas, the Connecticut Collaborative Health Insurance Plan (CT-CHIP) is a newly formed, fully insured health insurance model. CT-CHIP is geared for small groups of fewer than fifty (50) employees. J. Spurgeon bargains with insurance companies to get the best possible insurance at an affordable rate. The bigger the group, the more leverage and control over the plan design; however, each group is separate from the other groups. CT-CHIP is scheduled to go live with their health insurance benefits on 7/1/2019.

d. 8-24 Referral for Consideration for Exercising Right of Reversion for 390 Sterling Road (Assessor's Map 001SC-017-187A): R. Gray reported that he received a memo dated 3/28/2019 from Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator, requesting the consideration of a referral from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review for property located at 390 Sterling Road, formerly known as the Revere Site, owned by Raymond and Steven Weidele. The Weidele's would like to sell the property and the Town has first right of purchase. The Economic Development Commission believes it is in the best interest of the Town to purchase the property for the price paid in 2013 - \$64,000. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to refer the 8-24 Referral for the potential purchase of 390 Sterling Road, (aka Revere Site, Parcel B) to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. 2019-2020 Local Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP): The current balance for the 2019-2020 Local Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP) is \$48,919. The plan will be presented to the Board of Finance on Wednesday, 4/10/2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building,

1183 Plainfield Pike. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to accept the report as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

f. Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 900 Gibson Hill Road – Timothy O’Keefe: Timothy O’Keefe submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 4/3/2019 for property located at 900 Gibson Hill Road. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve application #19-01 for a driveway construction permit for property located at 900 Gibson Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Economic Development Commission, Northeast District Department of Health, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Recreation Authority): L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting as there are no candidates and to place a business card size ad to recruit volunteers in the Turnpike Buyer. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Executive Session to Discuss Treasurer’s Hours: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to enter executive session at 6:48 p.m. and to include S. Soucy, Treasurer to discuss the proposed change in hours. All voted in favor of the motion. Executive session ended at 7:09 p.m. and no motions were made during executive session. R. Gray reported that there would be no change in the Treasurer’s hours at this time and the matter would be revisited in six (6) months.

Any Other Business: None

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary