

May 8, 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-Demian Sorrentino and Joyce Gustavson.

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 5/1/2019 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Economic Development Commission, Northeast District Department of Health, and Planning & Zoning 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. Application for Excavation Permit by American Industries, Inc. – 609 Sterling Road (Route 14): The continued public hearing for American Industries, Inc. for property located at 609 Sterling Road, is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/14/2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

New Business:

a. Approval of Bills: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the bills for 5/9/2019 in the amount of \$24,347.03. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Schedule Special Town Meeting for 2019-2020 Budget Vote: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to adopt the Board of Education's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and to adopt the Board of Selectmen's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and in accordance with Section 7-7 of the CGS to remove the items to a referendum vote to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sterling Municipal Building, Gym, 1183 Plainfield Pike in Oneco.

c. Schedule Special Town Meeting for Annual Report: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building to act on the reports of the town and authorize borrowing for the ensuing year. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Reacquire Property Located at 390 Sterling Road – (aka Revere Site, Parcel B – Assessor's Map 001SC-017-187A) from Raymond and Steven Weidele: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Appointment of Sam Mosier as Democratic Registrar of Voters: R. Gray reported that he received an email from John Brady, Chairman of the Sterling Democratic Town Committee, dated 5/7/2019, requesting that the Board of Selectmen appoint Sam Mosier as Democratic Registrar of Voters. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to appoint Sam Mosier, PO Box 135, Oneco, CT 06373 as Democratic Registrar of Voters. This term expires 1/6/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer received a complaint and is seeking guidance from the Board of Selectmen on whether to pursue this matter with a second notice of violation or treat as a civil matter between property owners. Heroux owns the rear lot northerly of Tetreault on Margaret Henry Road and has a shed on the property owned by Tetreault. In September of 2018, Heroux received an Official Notice of Zoning Violation and Order from D. Sorrentino to remove the shed from the Tetreault property and has not responded. D. Sorrentino stated that the neighbor on the northerly side of the Heroux property, owned by Robinson recently contacted him stating that Heroux is dumping trailer boxes, metal, and other junk on her property. D. Sorrentino stated that he could issue Heroux a second notice of violation and if he does not remove the shed from the Tetreault property and the other junk from the Robinson property, the Town Attorney would have to file a complaint in Windham County Superior Court. Under the Zoning Regulations, Section 4.04 Setbacks, states in part "...no building, structure, or use shall be located within the required yard area". The Board of Selectmen are not in favor of the impact Heroux is having on the abutting property owners, however

they are of the opinion that this matter would be best handled as a civil matter between the property owners.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary