

June 5, 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-Judy Gooslin 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 5/8/2019 meeting minutes, the 5/14/2019 public hearing and special meeting minutes, and the 5/22 special 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 Wednesday, 6/19/2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT.

**c. Special Town Meeting for Annual Report:** The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to act on the reports of the town and authorize borrowing for the ensuing year.

**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 hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building to reacquire/purchase property located at 390 Sterling Road – (aka Revere site – Parcel B- Assessor’s Map 001SC-017-187A) for an amount not more than \$64,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

**a. Approval of Bills:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the bills for 5/16/2019 in the amount of \$19,770.29, 5/23/2019 in the amount of \$12,551.50, 5/30/2019 in the amount of \$18,076.49, and 6/6/2019 in the amount of \$258,954.61. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Recreation Authority Updates:** 1) Judy Gooslin, Director of Recreation Authority, updated the Commission on the status of obtaining air conditioning in the Recreation Authority area located at the Sterling Municipal Building and that she is meeting with the Energy Committee tomorrow, 6/6/2019. As soon as the electrical component is clarified she will be able to proceed with the bidding process. 2) J. Gooslin reported that the power lifting group has requested to use the Sterling Municipal Gym as the venue in June as they lost the Hartford venue. The group usually gives a donation to the Town for using the facility based on the size of the group; between \$600 and \$700, which is deposited in the General Fund. J. Gooslin is requesting the Board of Selectmen allow the Recreation Authority to keep the June donation to help families pay for part of the Summer Recreation Program. This year the Authority is charging \$75 per child per week to attend the five (5) week Summer Recreation Program. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to have the Recreation Authority turn the donation into the Treasurer, who in turn, shall disburse the donation back to the Authority to benefit families that need assistance with the Summer Recreation Program. All voted in favor of the motion. 3) J. Gooslin reported that she is planning on retiring June 2021. Judy recommends that the Recreation Director should be a part-time position with grant writing experience.

**c. Vote to Lay Tax and Schedule Collection Dates:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to lay a tax of 31.94 mils on the dollar of the Grant List of October 1, 2018 and that said tax shall be due and payable on July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on School Bus Bids:** The Board of Selectmen received the following bids for one (1) new school bus: 1) Dattco, Inc., \$93,650. The installation of the two-way radio by D&R Communications, service manual CD and the Four Camera REI System are included in the bid price, minus \$1,000 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$92,650; 2) New England Transit Sales,

Inc., \$89,885 plus \$774 to install the radio, minus \$1,000 for the trade in for a final bid in the amount of \$89,659; and 3) School Lines, Inc., \$85,997 plus \$750 to install the radio, minus \$3,250 for the trade in, for a final bid in the amount of \$83,497. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to forward the school bus bids to Josh McLeod, Town Mechanic, for review and to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Resignation of Sam Mosier as Democratic Registrar of Voters:** R. Gray reported that he received a resignation letter from Sam Mosier, dated 6/3/2019, stating, "Due to unforeseen circumstances, I would like to submit my resignation, effective immediately as Democratic Registrar of Voters. I wish you the best in finding a replacement". J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to accept Sam Mosier's resignation with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. Resignation of Beverly Boyd from Energy Committee:** R. Gray reported that Frank Bood, Chairman of the Energy Committee received a resignation letter from Beverly Boyd, dated 5/9/2019, stating, "I will be retiring from my position at the Sterling Community School effective 6/21/2019. Due to my retirement, I will no longer be a member of the Sterling Energy Committee". L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to accept Beverly Boyd's resignation with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

**g. Schedule Special Town Meeting to Sell Property Located at 50 Main Street (aka Robert P. Jordan Community Center – Assessor's Map 001SC-017-0182) for \$164,000:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to add this as Item II to the Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building to enter into a purchase and sales agreement to sell and convey property located at 50 Main Street - (aka Robert P. Jordan Community Center – Assessor's Map 001SC-017-0182) for an amount not less than \$164,000 to Raymond Weidele and Steven Weidele for the purpose of a restaurant on the premises. All voted in favor of the motion.

**h. Discussion Regarding Upgrades to the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:** R. Gray reported that David Shippee, Chairman of the Board of Finance stopped in to discuss the funds \$25,000 +/- in the SMB (Sterling Municipal Building) Account. The front of the building needs painting (2 peaks), as well as the trim. Discussion was held if the peaks and the trim should be painted or covered with vinyl. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to cover the existing two (2) wooden peaks and the trim with vinyl in front of the building, as well as, the peak near the Town Clerk's Office. L. Cooper shall work with J. Gustavson to contact contractors in soliciting bids. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to cover the existing two (2) wooden peaks and the trim with vinyl in front of the building and the peak near the Town Clerk's Office. All voted in favor of the motion

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by R. Gray to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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