

August 7, 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 Demian Sorrentino (6:05 p.m.).

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 7/10/2019 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Economic Development Commission, Energy Committee, Northeast District Department of Health, and Planning & Zoning Commission): J. Gustavson stated that an appointment to the Energy Committee shall be made later tonight. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting as there are no other candidates. 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 7/18/2019 in the amount of \$98,971.92, 7/25/2019 in the amount of \$35,480.37, 7/31/2019 in the amount of \$5,864.36 and 8/8/2019 in the amount of \$60,151.99. All voted in favor of the motion.

L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to add under New Business, Item g. 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC and to move this item ahead of New Business, Item b. All voted in favor of the motion.

g. Update Regarding 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC: D. Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer, stated that on 7/26/2019 he appeared on behalf of the Town of Sterling at the Superior Court, Judicial District of Windham at Putnam for the pre-trial with 12-13 Sterling Associates, LLC. Neither the defendants nor their council were present. D. Sorrentino testified under questioning by Joseph Szerejko of Murtha Cullina, LLP, Town's legal counsel. The court moved in favor of the Town granting all requests. D. Sorrentino stated that the defendants are hereby permanently enjoined from receiving, processing or disposing of solid waste at their property. The defendants were also ordered to clean up the property, including removing tires, trailers and any and all materials stored in said trailers, all stockpiled catch basin debris, all furniture, mechanical parts and other debris. The defendants shall be liable to the Town for civil fines in the amount of \$47,100. Any additional attorneys' fees and/or costs incurred by the Town shall be added to the civil fines.

b. Consider & Act on Appointment of Gail Lanza to the Energy Committee (3 yr. term expiring 11/7/2019): L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Gail Lanza, 251 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 11/7/2019 replacing Beverly Boyd to the Energy Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on Acceptance Agreement for Replacement of Bridge No. 00688 on Route 14 over the Moosup River: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adopt the following Certificate of Incumbency Agreement:

Certificate of Incumbency Agreement

I, Joyce Gustavson, as the Administrative Assistant of the Town of Sterling, having an address of 1183 Plainfield Pike, P.O. Box 157, Oneco, CT 06373-0157, do hereby certify as follows:

THAT:

- 1) The governing body of the Town of Sterling unanimously agreed to the State of Connecticut's acquisition of land for highway purposes and appurtenances upon its properties located at 160 Church Street, Sterling, CT 06377, 2 Church Street, Sterling, CT 06377, and 10 Main Street, Sterling, CT 06377 in connection with State Project No. 136-073, Serial No. 001.
- 2) Russell M. Gray is the First Selectman of the Town of Sterling.

- 3) Russell M. Gray, as said First Selectman, is authorized to sign for Real Estate transactions on behalf of the Town of Sterling.

All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on Bids to Upgrade the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:

L. Cooper reported that the Board of Selectmen rejected proposals to upgrade the Sterling Municipal Building at their meeting held 7/10/2019 and to solicit new proposals. The Board of Selectmen received the following bids to install five (5) composite fluted columns in the front entry; vertical vinyl siding to three (3) gable peaks (two (2) in front of the building and one (1) on the Town Clerk's vault); cover trim around peak areas; new ceiling with vinyl siding, and cover three (3) sided box areas around front of building; cover soffit and fascia trim around front and side of building and small portion to the rear of building with trim to remove keystone from vents; and trim and side around: 1) Kruger Window & Siding, LLC, in the amount of \$22,750.00; 2) Bruce Hyde Construction, LLC in the amount of \$18,769.00; 3) The Roofing Store, LLC, in the amount of \$19,263.07; and 4) RWB Construction in the amount of \$14,200.00. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to award the bid pending final approval from the Board of Finance to install five (5) composite fluted columns in the front entry; vertical vinyl siding to three (3) gable peaks (two (2) in front of the building and one (1) on the Town Clerk's vault); cover trim around peak areas; new ceiling with vinyl siding, and cover three (3) sided box areas around front of building; cover soffit and fascia trim around front and side of building and small portion to the rear of building with trim to remove keystone from vents; and trim and side around to Bruce Hyde Construction, LLC, 128 Sawmill Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 for \$18,769.00 All voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consider & Act on Application for Driveway Construction Permit for 375 Snake Meadow Hill Road: Roger Malbourn submitted an application for a driveway construction permit dated 7/23/2019 for 375 Snake Meadow Hill Road. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve driveway construction permit #19-01 for property located at 375 Snake Meadow Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary