

January 15, 2020

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: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to approve the 1/8/2020 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: Official Notice of Violation and Order – Ducharme, 817 Margaret Henry Road: J. Gustavson reported that this item is listed under correspondence in error and will be addressed under Unfinished Business later tonight.

Unfinished Business:

a. Commission Vacancies (Family Day Committee, Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission, Economic Development Commission, Energy Committee, 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. Consider & Act on HVAC System Bids for the Sterling Municipal Building – Room 8, Room 9, Recreation Authority Office, and the Gymnasium: R. Gray reported that at the Recreation Authority's meeting held on 1/13/2020 the recommendation is for the Board of Selectmen to reject all bids primarily because it is an extensive job and the Recreation Board does not have enough expertise to handle the situation. J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to reject the HVAC system design build bids for the Sterling Municipal Building – Room 8, Room 9, Recreation Authority Office, and the Gymnasium. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Official Notice of Violation and Order – Gerald & Jenny Ducharme for Property Located at 817 Margaret Henry Road: R. Gray reported that he received a telephone call from Gerald Ducharme and Mr. Ducharme explained that he was not aware that it was a violation to have an individual reside on his property in a camper. Mr. Ducharme stated that he will notify the individual that he needs to vacate the camper and he will also contact Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

d. Special Town Meeting for the Sale of 91 Industrial Park Road, aka Lot #6, in the Sterling Industrial Park: The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT for the sale of Lot #6 in the Sterling Industrial Park. 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 1/15/2020 in the amount of \$59,603.90. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Correction to November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes, New Business, Item c. – 8-24 Referral for the Potential Sale of 91 Industrial Park Road, Lot #6: R. Gray reported that he received a memo from Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator, dated 1/13/2020 correcting the negotiated price for the potential sale of 91 Industrial Park Road, Lot #6 from \$11,865 to \$24,000 as previously reported in the Board of Selectmen minutes dated 11/13/2019. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to amend the potential sale price of 91 Industrial Park Road, Lot #6 to reflect \$24,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consider & Act on the Last Green Valley's Request for Walktober 2020 Funding for FY 2020-2021: R. Gray reported that he received a letter from Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director and Fran Kefalas, Assistant Director of The Last Green Valley requesting the Town to consider sponsoring Walktober 2020. Payment can be submitted in July from FY 2020-2021 Board of Selectmen's budget. By committing before July, the contribution will be publicized in the Last Green Valley's brochure. Last year the Town's contribution was \$500. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to include The Last Green Valley's request in the Board of Selectmen's FY 2020-2021 budget under Community Programs in the amount of \$500. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consider & Act on Appointment of Sheila Savoie to the Library Board of Directors: R. Gray reported that he received a letter addressed to Heather George, Town Clerk from Penelope Keith, Chair, Sterling Library Board of Directors, dated 1/8/2020 requesting the Board of Selectmen to appoint Sheila A. Savoie to the existing vacancy. The vacancy was created by the failure of the Town committees to

endorse a candidate for the second library director slot on the November 2019 ballot. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Sheila A. Savoie, 283 River Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to fill two (2) years of the six (6) year term which will then be placed on the 2021 ballot as a four (4) year vacancy to be filled at that election. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary