

February 19, 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: L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to approve the 2/5/2020 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

**a. Burial of Human Remains on Privately Owned Property in Sterling:** R. Gray reported that Demian Sorrentino, Zoning Enforcement Officer sent a letter dated 2/12/2020 to Amanda Clark, Connecticut Department of Public Health regarding burial of human remains on privately owned property in Sterling, Connecticut for property owned by Beth Fallon of 459 Sawmill Hill Road confirming that the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Sterling do not contain any provisions that would prevent the burial of human remains upon privately owned property within the Town of Sterling (copy on file).

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):** J. Gustavson reported that appointments to the Family Day Committee will be acted on under New Business. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table other commission vacancies to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Official Notice of Violation and Order – Gerald & Jenny Ducharme for Property Located at 817 Margaret Henry Road:** J. Gustavson received an email from D. Sorrentino dated 2/19/2020 stating that if the Board of Selectmen are of the opinion that the Notice of Violation & Order (NOV&O) issued on 1/8/2020 to Gerald and Jenny Ducharme, 817 Margaret Henry Road has been resolved to the Board's satisfaction, there is no further action. The NOV&O was not recorded in the Sterling land records, so no official correspondence recognizing resolution is necessary (copy on file).

**c. Existing Sign Frame, Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike:** R. Gray reported that he met with the Library Board of Directors on Wednesday, 2/12/2020 to discuss the administration of the proposed electronic sign which would be located near the road at the Sterling Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike. R. Gray stated that the sign should be partially overlooked by the Town and partially overlooked by the Library. The Board of Selectmen would like to meet with the Library Board of Directors next Wednesday, 2/26/2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Library's proposition to purchase an electronic sign. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to table this item to the next meeting. 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 2/12/2020 in the amount of \$10,333.94. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Resignation of Tammy Etheridge from Sterling Recreation Authority:** R. Gray reported that J. Gustavson received an email from Judy Gooslin, Recreation Director, dated 2/12/2020 regarding the resignation of Tammy Etheridge from the Sterling Recreation Authority stating, "I would like to resign/relinquish/forfeit my position as Treasurer and my seat on the board. I cannot be an effective board member if I am unavailable so much of the time" (copy on file). L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to accept Tammy Etheridge's resignation effective immediately with regrets. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Robert McLevy (3 yr. term expiring 2/19/2023) to Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Robert McLevy, 33 Miller Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a three (3) year term expiring 2/19/2023 to the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission. All voted in favor of the motion.

**d. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Russell Gray (3 yr. term expiring 3/4/2023), Neil Cook and Peter Rabbitt (2 yr. term expiring 3/4/2022), and John Firlik and Lincoln Cooper (1 yr. term expiring 3/4/2021) to Water Pollution Control Authority:** J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to re-appoint Russell Gray, 712 Ekonk Hill Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a three (3) year term

expiring 3/4/2023, Neil Cook, 541 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Peter Rabbitt, 200 Church Street, PO Box 21, Sterling, CT 06377 to a two (2) year term expiring 3/4/2022, and John Firlik, 61 Jared Hall Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 and Lincoln Cooper, 420 Porter Pond Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/4/2021 to the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority. All voted in favor of the motion.

**e. Consider & Act on Re-appointment of Danielle Hart and Dan Currier (1 yr. term expiring 3/6/2021) to Recreation Authority:** L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to re-appoint Danielle Hart, 8 Logans Way, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/6/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

Judy Gooslin, Recreation Director has requested that **Dan Currier** be moved to fill Tammy Etheridge's vacancy and **Alternate Luigi Vergato** be moved to Dan Currier's one (1) year term. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Dan Currier, 284 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a two (2) year term expiring 3/6/2021 replacing Tammy Etheridge and to appoint Luigi Vergato, 194 Gibson Hill Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a one (1) year term expiring 3/6/2021 replacing Dan Currier to Recreation Authority. (The alternate position will need to be filled). All voted in favor of the motion.

**f. Consider & Act on Appointment of Andrew Molodich and Therese Carpentier (4 yr. term expiring 1/2/2024) to Sterling Family Day Committee:** R. Gray reported that he received a letter from Darlene Larned, Secretary of the Sterling Family Day Committee dated 1/27/2020 asking the Board of Selectmen to appoint Andrew Molodich and Therese Carpentier to the Sterling Family Day Committee. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to appoint Andrew Molodich, 36 Cedar Swamp Road, Moosup, CT 06354 to a four (4) year term expiring 1/2/2024 replacing Elizabeth McGarry and Therese Carpentier, 815 Sterling Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to a four (4) year term expiring 1/2/2024 replacing Michael Rouillard to the Sterling Family Day Committee. All voted in favor of the motion.

**g. Revenue Collector's Position:** Discussion was held on how to advertise the position of Revenue Collector. L. Cooper made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik to advertise for a part-time Revenue Collector. All voted in favor of the motion. The position will be advertised in the Norwich Bulletin, Turnpike Buyer, and circulated via email to the Tax Collectors.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by L. Cooper to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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