

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUNE 6, 2012

MINUTES

- MEETING: Selectman Furmaniuk called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Roll call established that Selectman Furmaniuk and Selectman Patacchiola were present. Chairman Sushchuk was attending his son's graduation.
- Selectman Furmaniuk read the notice declaring Sterling Lancaster Television as the only official electronic copy of the meeting.
- MINUTES: Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2012 as submitted, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.
- CHIEF HURLBUT: Chief Hurlbut gave a brief overview of his 5 month report, January 2012 through to May 2012. He informed the Board that they now have a new ambulance billing company and a new reverse 911 notification systems for emergencies. Chief Hurlbut reported that Sterling has 42 call Firefighters on the town's roster. He stated that Sterling is fortunate in having so many when nationwide there is a shortage of volunteers. Selectman Patacchiola questioned why Sterling's roster is so good and the Chief informed him that the department recruits aggressively and offers great training, equipment and camaraderie which helps in retaining recruits. Selectman Furmaniuk thanked Chief Hurlbut for a great job.
- BILL HB4022
- PRE-REGISTRATION: Selectman Furmaniuk summarized the purpose of the House Bill HB4022, the pre-registration of 16 year olds by an unfunded mandate and stated that he has been informed that the Mass Association of Town Clerk's strongly objects to the new bill. Selectman Patacchiola stated that although it is an interesting idea an unfunded mandate creates strong reservations. Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to oppose House Bill4022, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk.
- EBS FORAN: Ken Lombardi met with the Board of Selectmen to update them on the process going forward. His first mission was to give financial oversight to the insurance program, negotiate a 0% rate increase, work with the Insurance Advisory Committee and administer work required for new legislation to use as leverage in the future. All of this has been completed to date in FY2012. Mr. Lombardi then outlined what needed to be done for FY13: monitoring of claims and trends, flexible spending plan, health reimbursement accounts and continued exploration of the GIC. He added that they will also provide new reporting requirements as well as advocating members to shop for health care. The fee of \$6600 is up from \$4950 to cover additional education to employees and additional staffing to ask physicians questions and manage disease. After a lengthy discussion the Board addressed the fee of \$6600 and asked what happened to the option for years 2 & 3 for \$4950. Mr. Lombardi was directed by the President of EBS not to offer the \$4950 but agreed to go back to the President of the company to see if he would agree to a different fee.

RENAMING OF POND: The Selectmen reminded everyone that Chairman Philpot invited submission of names from the town residents for the renaming of the pond located at Muddy Pond Road. Ms. Gail Miller suggested naming the pond after Peg Spaulding, a long time teacher in Sterling retiring after 24 years of service. She focused on science and nature and encouraged the children to go to the pond to observe, measure and experiment with items found in the within the pond area. Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to officially name the pond "Peg's Nature Pond", 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

Selectman Furmaniuk congratulated Ms. Spaulding and announced that she will be joining the Cultural Council as a member of the committee.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S

UPDATE: Ms. Ackerman informed the Board that Frederick Frithsen assisted with the re-count held by the Town Clerk on May 30th, 2012 and once again the procedure went flawlessly. A letter will be sent to Mr. Frithsen thanking him for his expertise and time.

The town received a letter of resignation from John Potter from the Capital Committee. Selectman Furmaniuk thanked Mr. Potter for the time he serviced on the Capital Committee. The Board members agreed that there will be a joint meeting of the moderator, finance committee with the selectmen to make joint appointments on June 20th.

APPROVAL OF

LICENSES: Selectman Patacchiola asked that even though most renewals of licenses are straight forward he would like to see license holders invited to future meetings just in case there are questions regarding the licenses.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the Antique and 2nd Hand Dealers License for the Deacon's Bench, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the Antique and 2nd Hand Dealers License for Pratts Junction Antiques, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the Antique and 2nd Hand Dealers License for M.T. Pockets, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the Antique and 2nd hand Dealers License for Heritage Antiques, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the Common Victualler License for Parker Ice-cream, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the one day liquor licenses for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club for June 24th, July 21st, August 12th and August 25th. 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

FUTURE AGENDAS: The next meeting will be on June 20, 2012 starting at 6:30 PM for an Executive Session.

Selectman Furmaniuk announced that the Cable station is moving to Channel 99 from Channel 10.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BRIAN J. PATACCHIOLA
CLERK