

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
August 15, 2012

MEETING: Chairman Sushchuk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll call established that Selectman Paul Sushchuk, Ronald Furmaniuk and Brian Patacchiola were all present. Selectman Sushchuk made the motion to go into Executive session. The public was asked to leave the room.

The public meeting resumed at 7:40.

Chairman Sushchuk declared the Sterling Lancaster Television as the only official electronic copy of the meeting.

MINUTES Selectman Sushchuk made the motion to approve the Agenda. Selectman Furmanick 2nd the motion. All in Favor.
Selectman Sushchuk announced that the Primary Election is on Thursday, September 6th. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. This Friday, Aug. 17 the Town Clerk's Office will stay open from 7:30 am until 8:00pm. It is the deadline to register to vote or to change political party for this Primary Election.

Police Report Chief Chamberlain presented the official Police report for July 2012. The chief reported that:
there is a vacancy for a part-time dispatcher
Karen Gaylord has retired as his Administrative Assistant and she was commended for her years of service.
Leominster Crossing needs immediate attention to help alleviate the potential danger that exists. The Town and the State will meet in order to find a permanent solution. In the meanwhile, the Chief suggests rumble strips and additional signs in order to warn motorists.

Senior Center Building Committee Up-date Maureen Cranson, Karen Philips and Dick Maki represented the Senior Center Bldg committee. They reported that the perk tests were successfully completed on the proposed sight for the future Senior Center (Muddy Pond Rd/Boutelle Rd) They presented the conceptual plan and ANR for the septic system. Updated plans were sent to the DCR for their input on the design of the septic system The next phase is to investigate costs for OPM and architect so that the Building Committee can sponsor an article in the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Senior Center Report Karen Philips reported that the, to date, 268 different Sterling Seniors have utilized the Senior Center. This information was gathered by means of MY SENIOR CENTER software that was implemented. She also reported that she has received resumes for the part time for the Outreach worker position. The COA Board will be conducting interviews.

Solar Project Harald Sheid discussed the PILOT program. Payment in Lieu of Taxes in regard to the solar project that is proposed for Wiles Rd. He reported that it is in the Town's best interest to negotiate an agreement that is equitable for both the Town and the developer since the Towns' residents will also benefit from reduced rates for electricity.

VOTE: Selectman Sushchuk made a motion to appoint Selectman Brian Patacchiola, Terri Ackerman and Harald Sheid to represent the Town and to negotiate with the developer. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd the motion. Selectman

Sushchuk and Selectman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola Abstained from the vote.

VOTE: Selectman Sushchuk made a motion that will allow the negotiating team to come to terms that are equitable for both the Town and the Developer. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd the motion. Selectman Sushchuk and Selectman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola Abstained from the vote.

Administrators Up-date

The roof repairs have been completed on the 1835 Town Hall and the barriers around the building can be removed.
The purchase and sales agreement for 19 Hardscrabble Rd is going to the seller and the announcement is going in the Central Register.
The money from House Bill 4235 has been approved. The Town will receive \$420,000 which will be used by the DPW for resurfacing and other projects.
The school budget has been finalized and Sterling will be assess \$149,000 less than was approved at the Town Meeting.
Code Red had a successful test run. There is an 80% Connection rate. 700 more residents have signed up for the service.

LIAISONS for FY 13

The purpose of this Liaison project is to provide the committees with a contact in case of “issues” that need attention.
Any board or committee may request a Liaison.

BOS LIAISONS FOR FY13

Police – RON FURMANIUK

Fire – RON FURMANIUK

DPW– RON FURMANIUK

Insurance Advisory Committee – RON FURMANIUK

IT/Paperless Meetings – RON FURMANIUK

COA/Senior Building Committee – RON FURMANIUK

Finance Committee – PAUL SUSHCHYK

Personnel Board– PAUL SUSHCHYK

Light Dept– PAUL SUSHCHYK

Accounting– PAUL SUSHCHYK

Vault Committee– PAUL SUSHCHYK

Planning Board – BRIAN PATACCHIOLA

Zoning Board – BRIAN PATACCHIOLA

Economic Development – BRIAN PATACCHIOLA

1835 Town Hall Committee – BRIAN PATACCHIOLA

VOTE: Selectman Sushchuk made a motion to cancel the August 29th Selectman's meeting and reschedule it for August 30th. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BRIAN J. PATACCHIOLA
CLERK