

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
December 19, 2012

MEETING:

Selectman Sushchik called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Roll call established that Paul Sushchik, Ron Furmaniuk and Brain Patacchiola were present. **Vote:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the agenda. Selectman Sushchik 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Vote:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Selectman Sushchik 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**VOTE:** Selectman Paul Sushchik made a motion enter Executive Session regarding Contract Negotiations. Roll Call Vote. Chairman Sushchik – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. The public was asked to leave the room.

The public meeting resumed at 7:01.

Chairman Sushchik initiated a moment of silence in honor of the children and teachers of Newtown, Connecticut.

Road Race

Bill Turner, the Director of the Minuteman Race, attended the meeting. He thanked the Town for their support of this event and reported that last year a donation of \$500.00 was made to the Recreation Department.

The Board thanked Mr. Turner for his organization's donation. Mr. Turner requested that the race be allowed to be held again this year, on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to grant permission for the Minuteman Road Race, Sat. May 11, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Chairman Sushchik reminded Mr. Turner that the Board expects him to work with the Police Chief and requested that riders use special care not to damage the newly repaired, rails around the Town Common.

Clerk of the  
Committees/  
Receptionist

After discussion the Board instructed the Town Administrator to send a memorandum, regarding the proposed new position, to the boards and committees, listed in the job description. She was asked to include a draft of the job description and to request input/feedback.

Licenses

The following licenses were considered for renewal:

**Common Victualer Licenses**

Barber's Crossing – John & Patricia Wallace  
Hamilton's Catering – Edmoth Mathews  
Over Easy Café – Robyn Hale  
Lorna Jeans – Lorna Felix  
Mountainside Market - Jill Zelle  
Friends of Sterling Seniors – Maureen Cranson  
Meadowbrook Farms – David Chandler  
Meolas Ice Cream – Mark & Philip Meola

Black Sheep Tavern - Constantino Zahariadis  
Village Pizza – Andreaou Enterprises  
Sterling Pizza – Emil Fahim

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant these Common Victualer renewals. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to waive the fee for the Common Victualer renewals or the Friends of the Sterling Seniors. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

## **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT**

Barber's Crossing – John and Patricia Wallace

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant this Public Entertainment renewal. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

## **Auto Class 1**

Auto Technica – Paul Tosi

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant this Auto Class I License renewal. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

## **AUTO AMUSEMENT**

140 Rendezvous Club – Stephen Kilcoyne

Barber's Crossing – John & Patricia Wallace

Black Sheep Tavern - Constantino Zahariadis

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant these Auto Amusement renewals. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

## **ALCOHOL PERMITS**

Black Sheep Tavern - Constantino Zahariadis  
Barber's Crossing – John & Patricia Wallace  
Chocksett Inn – Nicole Mooreshead  
Sterling National Country Club – Janice Matthews  
Harvest Grille – Susan Harrigan  
Sterling Deli and Convenience – Candice **Common Victualer**

Selectmen Furmaniuk asked if there was any comment from the public regarding the renewals of these Alcohol Licenses. There were none. Therefore, **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant these Alcohol renewal Permits. Seconded by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

## **Alcohol Permit and Common Victualer Permit**

140 Rendezvous Club – Stephen Kilcoyne

Chairman Sushchyk abstained from taking part in the deliberations and left the room. Selectman Furmaniuk asked for comments from the public regarding the renewal of this license. David Gibbs asked if there were any changes from last year. There were none. He asked if they had received approval from the Police Dept. He was informed that the Board had received approval from the Police Department. However the approval letter does state that there have been complaints about the 140 Rendezvous during the year.

Mr. Gibbs stated that he had 5 concerns:

- Civilians on cycles, directing traffic
- An unauthorized crosswalk painted on Rte. 140
- Bonfires
- Fireworks
- Mr. Kilcoyne did not immediately notify the Select Board about the change of manager that recently took place.

Mr. Kilcoyne stated that he was not know why the crosswalk was painted The Board requested that the DPW remove the crosswalk as soon as possible.

Selectman Furmaniuk stated that he agreed that the change of manager should have been brought before the Select Board in a more timely fashion. However, it is the job of the Select Board to balance the rights of the businesses with the rights of the neighbors. Both he and Selectman Patacchiola stated that they have continued to enforce restrictions upon Mr. Kilcoyne's business in order to accommodate the neighbors.

**VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to grant this Alcohol Renewal Permit and Common Victualer License. Seconded by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

Town Administrator  
follow-up

Chairman Sushchyk returned to the meeting.

Terri Ackerman reported that:

Business and  
Correspondence

- There is a strong likelihood that Chocksett Crossing will be designed by the State and we will hear more in January.
- The Board of Selectmen budget has been drafted. Selectman Furmaniuk suggested reducing expenses. He requested that the Town Administrator reduce the Board's budget and resubmit it at the next meeting.
- The submissions for the Town report are due March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Chairman Sushchyk volunteered to submit a draft for the Board to review.

**Appointment - Town Forest Committee** – David Mosely- appointment to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Chairman of the Forest Committee, Mike Pineo, had previously informed the Board that Mr. Mosely would make a good addition to the Committee. After discussion; **VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to appoint Mr. David Mosely to the Town Forest Committee. Seconded by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

After discussion, **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to grant the applicant \$948.10 in aid, to be sent directly to the vendors involved. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Selectman Patacchiola reiterated that the Neighbor to Neighbor Aid Program is funded entirely through private donations. Tax money is not used for this endeavor. He reminded the citizens, who are financially able, that donations are gratefully accepted at the Treasurer's office.

### **MART UPDATE:**

Selectman Patacchiola has taken the initiative to enhance Public Transportation with the Town. He reported that he has obtained a 2<sup>nd</sup> MART van, to provide service to the citizens of Sterling. The new van will arrive in early January. It will be used by the Council on Aging and for a new commuter program, that will provide transportation to the Leominster Train Station.

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Selectman Patacchiola also reported that for a \$25.00 round trip fee, the van could provide transportation to and from the South Station. He has been meeting with Dick Maki and the Town Administrator regarding public outreach. They intend to find out what the residents want from the available services. They are also working on where the "fixed stops" would be located within the Town for best access. Chairman Sushchuk commended Selectman Patacchiola for his efforts.

Next Meeting

Susan Harragin requested that the Town extend the time for the Holiday lights to remain on the Town Common. Selectman Sushchuk asked the Town Administrator to request that the Light Dept leave the lights up until February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment

Chairman Sushchuk reported that the Manzi family wishes to donate 3 parcels of land to the Town. This issue will be addressed on January 16<sup>th</sup>

January 2, 2013. Public Hearing regarding the agreement between the Regional School and the Town of Sterling

Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to adjourn at 8:14. Chairman Sushchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

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