

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 31, 2013

MEETING

Chairman Furmaniuk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call established that Selectman Furmaniuk, Selectman Patacchiola and Selectman Cutler were all present.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes, regarding real estate, from June 4, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

School
Committee
Update:

Lance Harris, Chairman of the Wachusett District School Committee was present to give an update. Mr. Harris reported:

The current School budget is 80.3 million dollars annually.

The School Committee voted a reduction of approximately 1.4 million dollars.

Sterling does not need to go to Special Town meeting to revote on the budget. The School committee intends to make further budget reductions.

The search for a new Superintendent is on the horizon. The position will be posted in mid September. The screening committee will interview candidates in October and November. The goal is to have a final candidate at the December 9, 2013 meeting.

The Screening committee will be comprised of school committee members, staff and citizens at large.

Public Hearing:
140 License
Transfer

Chairman Furmaniuk read the Public Hearing Notice as it appeared in the July 17th edition of the Telegram and Gazette. Representing Barry White was Attorney Francis Burke.

Mr. White intends to lease the property and rename the business B-Man 140 Tavern.

All employees will be TIPS certified.

Mr. White is aware of the issues that have been problematic and intends to meet with the neighbors as a goodwill gesture.

Mr. White will be the manager.

Mr. White is aware of restrictions imposed on the alcohol license and is willing to adhere to them.

Police Chief Chamberlain and neighbors voiced their concerns and strongly encouraged Mr. White NOT to encourage motorcyclist clientele by hosting motorcycle events.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the transfer of license from K&B Inc., 344 Redemption Rock Trail to B-Man's 140 Tavern and to approve of the change of manager and pledge of license for the establishment. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

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Wekepeke
Update:

Carly Antonelli represented Senator Flanagan and Sue Templeton represented Rep. Harold Naughton. After discussion, it was determined that it is in the best interest of both Clinton and Sterling to solve the issue of the Wekepeke water rights at the municipal level. Therefore, Senator Ferguson will delay filing Sterling and Clinton's petitions for water rights until the two towns have made an attempt to solve the issue on their own. The legislators will facilitate meetings between Terri Ackerman and the Town Administrator of Clinton.

Appoint Members
of the Town
Administrator
Search
Committee:

VOTE: Chairman Furmaniuk made a motion to elect 7 members to the Town Administrator Screening Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Opposed.

After discussion. The votes were taken:

Vote: Chairman Furmaniuk made a motion to appoint **Mike Padula** to the Screening Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint **John Potter** to the Screening Committee. Chairman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint **Larry Pape** to the Screening Committee. Motion was not 2nd.

Vote: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint **John Kilcoyne** to the Screening Committee. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to appoint **Loret Schur** to the Screening Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Chairman Furmaniuk made a motion to appoint **Donlin Murray** to the Screening Committee. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint **Mike Olson** to the Screening Committee. Chairman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

Vote: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to appoint **Mike Pineo** to the Screening Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor

The Board instructed the New Members of the Screening Committee to be sworn in at the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. They will be charged with presenting finalists to the Board. They will return to the next Selectman's Board meeting to update the Board on their plans to advertise for the position and their plan for a course of action.

Town
Administrator's
update:

The Town Administrator reported the following:

- The Agricultural Weekend celebration will take place on Friday, Aug 9 from 3 -6:30 at the Farmers Market and on Saturday, August 10 at the Farms.
- A complaint had been made to the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator that the Selectman's meetings be moved due to an allergy. The ADA coordinator has mailed the response to the plaintiff.
- Portions of Maple Street will be closed due to construction on August 1, 2013.
- The Town Accountant has cut the check for the purchase of Hardscrabble Road and the closing date is on the immediate horizon.
- Selectman Patacchiola has visited the State House and been instrumental in getting the town's investment policy passed, by the House, before summer recess.

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Business and
Correspondence:

- The town will solicit proposals from several law firms regarding bids for legal service.

After discussion:

- **VOTE:** Selectman Cutler made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Patrick Fox from both the Finance and Capital Committees. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.
- **VOTE:** Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint Robert Temple as Veterans Graves Officer. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.
- **VOTE:** Selectman Cutler made a motion to approve a one day liquor license for wine and beer at the 228 car cruise on August 3, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Selectman Cutler – Aye Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Opposed...
- **VOTE:** Selectman Cutler made a motion to approve a one day liquor license for wine and beer at the 228 car cruise on August 10, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Selectman Cutler – Aye Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Opposed.
- Letters regarding Opening Meeting Law complaints have gone out. The Board and staff will use the Open Meeting Law Checklist in the future to more closely adhere to the wording suggested by the Attorney General's office. That checklist will be shared with other Boards and Committees.
- **VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to disperse \$1,200.00 from the Neighbor to Neighbor fund in order to a needy family. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

Public Session:

Mr Beaupre expressed his disappointment and frustration that John Kilcoyne was not reappointed to the Finance Committee.

Adjourned:

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

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