

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 14, 2013

MEETING

Chairman Furmaniuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call established that Selectman Furmaniuk, Selectman Patacchiola and Selectman Cutler were all present.

Chairman Furmaniuk declared that the Board would be convening into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining for a Police Grievance under Chapter 30A Section 21 (A) Reason # 2. The Chairman further declared that a discussion in open session may have a detrimental impact on the Town's litigating position. He then announced that the Board would be reconvening in open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Selectman Patacchiola moved the motion that the Board convene in executive session, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining for a Police Grievance under Chapter 30A Section 21 (A) Reason # 2. And further moved that the Board reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The Chairman 2nd the motion. Roll Call VOTE: Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. Selectman Cutler – Opposed.

The Board convened in Executive session and reconvened in Public session at 7:02.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved the motion to accept the agenda. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola Made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2013. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor.

Present: Loret Schur, Donlin Murray, Mike Padula, Mike Pineo, Mike Olson

The committee presented the following timeframe:

- The advertisement will be published next week in the MMA Beacon, on-line and possibly one more publication. (The salary range will be included as voted at the May 13, 2013 Town Meeting.)
- The advertisement will run for 10 business days.
- A deadline for resumes and applications...yet to be determined
- Scheduling of interviews with best candidates
- Committee fully intends to bring most qualified candidates to the Board within 90 days.

Meet with Town
Admin. Screening
Committee

Chief Gary Chamberland presented this monthly report for June:

Police Report
Month of June:

- Position Vacancy for Sergeant posted.
- Chief attended seminar on active shooters.
- Two more Tasers were placed into service.
- Officer Craig Pomeroy is working on procuring the live scan finger print machine.
- Letter received from a citizen praising two officers for their actions when responding to their home. Officers Craig Pomeroy and Ryan Ferguson were the responding officers.
- Letter received from Leominster Credit Union regarding diligent patrol of

Police Report
Month of July:

Detective David Johnson.

- Handgun Safety Class was held at the police station on 28 June.
- Met with the officers of the Solar Plant to plan for their open house.

July:

- Continued working on the active shoot training. The message board was used and Code Red alerted neighbors of the training.
- Set up and orientation date has been established with the company who is administering the sergeant's test.
- Chief attended the weekly car cruise on Saturday 27 July. During his attendance he did not observe anything that could remotely be described as a disturbance. The music and public address system was barely audible from 30 feet away from the speakers.

Significant instances included:

- Three reported house breaks (one person arrested and charged after investigation)
- Breaking and entering into the school (three people arrested upon responding to an alarm activation)
- Hit and run accident. Suspect vehicle located and person charged.
- Stolen vehicle from another jurisdiction recovered and person arrested.
- House party with underage persons consuming alcohol was investigated person charged with providing alcohol to underage person and keeping a disorderly house.

Industrial
Development
Committee
Update:

Representing the Committee were Walt Sanders and Terry Heinhold. The Industrial Development Committee is focusing on the following:

- The Town's water supply
- A web page that would assist in the identification of both commercial and industrial land for sale or lease
- Cataloging of available land and property – including size and ownership (The IDC intends to use interns from Worcester Tech in order to attain this goal. It is estimated that the students will be available to start in Nov.)
- Ultimately the IDC would like to address the Planning Board to create a "mixed zone" that would accommodate both industrial and commercial use. (It was stated that this action would have to be approved at Town Meeting but the IDC believes that such an action would ultimately give more flexibility to prospective buyers and therefore make land and property more marketable)

The consensus of the Board was that they would support the appropriate application of "mixed use Zones".

FY14 Goals:

Terri Ackerman discussed the draft action plan for Select Board's FY14 Goals. The consensus of the Board was to:

- Invite the Government Study Committee to a September meeting to discuss their recommendations
- Invite the Senior Center Building Committee to a September meeting to give an update
- Encourage meetings between BOS Liaison Robert Cutler and Finance and Capital Committee Liaisons, Bob Brown and Joe Sova
- Have Chairman Furmaniuk meet individually with other selectmen to

	<p>discuss/explain the process of using Google Docs to support paperless meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage Representative Flanagan's office and the DPW in joint meetings to address issues concerning Chocksett Crossing and Rte 140.• Meet with the Economic Development Committee (August 28) to discuss the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assessment of infrastructure, including gas and water○ Data Base to Inventory available property○ Promotion of low power rates○ MART Bus routes○ Town Planner Position○ Ambassador Program○ Exploration of "Mixed Use Zoning"
1835 Town Hall Building Committee Update:	<p>Vern Gaw and Ron Pichierri represented the 1835 Town Hall Building Committee. The update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Architectural plan has been completed• The window restoration is on-going and approximately 25% of the windows have been completed.• The RFQ for the bids on the approximately 220 feet of masonry will go out next week• Two bids have come in regarding the outside painting of the South side of the building. There is not enough cash available to complete the painting so the 1835 Town Hall building will also inquire with the County Sheriff's dept. to see if they would be willing to submit a formal proposal for the inmates to do the work.• The consensus of the Board was to do nothing on the septic at this time. <p>Vern Gaw requested that the Board re-appoint Joanne Cummings and post openings for the 1835 Town Hall Building Committee. Vern stated that they need to have a functioning committee in order to get projects completed. Therefore, the members of the Board agreed to discuss this issue at a future meeting.</p>
Flooding at 14 Legate Hill Road:	<p>Sean and Charlie Kyle were present to ask assistance from the Board to solve the severe flooding issue that has plagued his place of business for the past 4 years. Prior to 2009 there was no flooding issue. Mr. Kyle reported that he has investigated the issue and is most certain that the problem exists due to the interruption of natural water flow, created by beaver activity in the vicinity. Matt Marro, Field Agent for the Conservation Commission has spoken with the Kyles and agrees that the problem is, very likely, beaver related. Mr. Marro will be in touch with the State in an attempt to resolve this issue and will report back to the Selectmen.</p>
Town Administrator's update:	<p>The Town Administrator reported the following:</p> <p>Legal bids went out on August 14th and the invitation to bid is on the town web site. Bids are due by September 9, 2013.</p> <p>The Town will receive a credit of \$966.00 from the Insurance carrier due to employee attendance at safety seminars</p> <p>The Massachusetts Municipal Association's Selectman's conference will be held in Shirley on October 4th.</p> <p>There is a tentative closing date of August 20, 2013 for the purchase of the property on Hardscrabble Road.</p> <p>Electronic files of all materials, to be presented to the Selectmen, must be submitted to the Executive Assistant at least 1 week prior to the meetings.</p>

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Business and
Correspondence:

After discussion:

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved the motion to appoint Helen Hill to the Cultural Council. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Consensus of the Board was that the meeting dates will be as follows:

September 12, 2013 **THURSDAY**

September 25, 2013 Wednesday

October 9, 2013 Wednesday

October 23, 2013 Wednesday

November 6, 2013 Wednesday

November 20, 2013 Wednesday

December 4, 2013 Wednesday

December 18, 2013 Wednesday

After discussion:

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved the motion to approve the release of the following Executive Minutes, as business has been concluded.:

April 27, 2011, Feb. 9, 2011, March 2, 2011, March 16, 2011, June 8, 2011, Sept. 28, 2011, Nov. 9, 2011, Dec. 21, 2011. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved the motion to support the Rick Maypothor Foundation Road Race to be held on October 5, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to grant a 1-day liquor license for the 228 Car Cruise for August 17, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Opposed.

Adjourned:

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to grant a 1-day liquor license for the 228 Car Cruise for August 24, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Opposed.

The Chairman announced that the Farmers Market day would be held on Aug 16th from 3:30 – 7:00 due to the fact that it was rained out last Friday.

Selectman Patacchiola announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

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