

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 4, 2016

MEETING:

Chairman Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll Call: Selectwoman Cranson - Present. Chairman Cutler – present. Selectman Kilcoyne – present.

Police Report

Chief Chamberland reported for the Month of March –

Personnel, Training and Equipment:

- Server crashed at the department. All data was recoverable. New server ordered. Working with Spaulding Hill to replace. Awaiting bill to forward to Finance Committee for funding.
- Sergeant Gaudette attended a week long training on Executive Development
- Part-time dispatcher Thebeau completed training in Dispatchers Response to Persons with Mental Illness
- Department personnel taking the state mandated ethics class

Community Interaction:

- Planning for the Policing in Sterling forum to be held on 25 April at 7 PM at the First Church.
- Basic Firearms Safety Class to be held at Police Station on 25 April 5:30 PM must pre register.
- Assisted with the final Annual Promenade Walk.
- Reviewed a number of soliciting and peddlers permits.
- Responded to EOPS dispatch survey
- Responded to Site Plan review for Spratt Technology Way.
- Presidential Primary held, very busy officers assigned to assist at School with traffic.
- Officers attended funeral services for Line of Duty death of Trooper Clardy.

General Police Business:

ARRESTS

There were **seven people** arrested during the month on nine charges.

- 1 domestic arrest.
- 4 warrant arrest (suspended license)
- 1 assaulted with a dangerous weapon (breaking and entering)
- 1 protective custody

Investigations:

There were twenty two incidents investigated during the month.

These investigations range from a sexual assault, two breaking and entering, trespassing with a motor vehicle, disturbances and larceny to several fraud cases.

Additionally we responded to thirty (30) burglar alarms.

Motor Vehicle/Traffic:

Crashes: Twelve

1. Worcester Rd & Boutelle overtaking on right while turning.
2. Leominster and Chocksett (rear end)
3. Wiles Rd. ran off road into tree.
4. Leominster and Pratts (rear end)
5. Leominster and Chocksett (broadside, fail to yield)
6. Leominster and Chocksett (rear end)
7. Kendall Hill Rd. Leaving lane hit light pole, hit and run. Driver charged.

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8. Clinton Rd. Vehicle backing in road.
9. Leominster Rd and 190 off ramp (rear end).
10. Redemption Rock Trail & Princeton Rd. (rear end)
11. Leominster Rd (Parking Lot. backing up)
12. Redemption Rock Trail & Legg Rd. (side swipe, lane violation).

There were thirty three citation issued and forty four traffic stops were made.

Request from B-
mans Tavern

The request for extended outdoor hours was tabled until the next meeting. The Chief of police will be on vacation and was asked to submit his written opinion to the Board.

One day Alcohol
– Eight Point
Sportmen's Club

After discussion, Selectwoman Cranson moved that one day alcohol licenses for June 4 (wedding), June 5 (retirement party) and June 11 (Lion's Club) at the 8 Point Sportsmen's Club be approved. Selectman Kilcoyne 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Abstained. Motion carried.

1835 Town Hall
expenses

Robert Jones, Chairman of the 1835 Town Hall addressed the Board with his concerns that there is no longer a process for the 1835 Town Hall Committee to expend funds. Mr. Jones reported that, previously, the 1835 Town Hall Committee was able to acquire revolving account funds and spend those funds per vote of the Committee. However, it was explained to Mr. Jones that at the Annual Town Meeting, in May of 2014, the 1835 Town Hall Committee was voted as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen and as such it must submit requests for expenditures to the Board. It was brought to the Boards attention that fees for the 1835 Town Hall usage continue to be deposited into the revolving account and the status of that account is reported to the 1835 Town Hall Committee. In fact, the revolving account for that committee no longer exists and funds in that account shall be deposited into the General Fund account. The Town allocates a budgetary sum each year to be used for upkeep of the 1835 Committee. Mr. Jones will submit requests to access and use those funds. Mr. Jones asked the Boards permission to use the space, formerly used by the Veteran's agent as an addition meeting space. The Board approved this proposal. The 1835 Town Hall Committee continues to investigate the means and specifics for providing an adequate septic connection to the Fire Department.

Neighbor to
Neighbor

Selectman Kilcoyne intends to meet with Lisa Call and Ed Sweet to discuss Lisa's replacement and the options on how the Neighbor to Neighbor Program should function. They will consider joining forces with local churches or with the WHEAT program, in Clinton. Selectman Kilcoyne will bring findings back to the Board.

Town
Administrator

The Senior Center Director, Karen Phillips, has resigned. Therefore, the Board wishes to move quickly toward filling the position. The Town Administrator will meet with the Personnel Board to discuss the pay scale to be offered for the position. They will also determine the compensation to be offered to the interim Director. The COA board unanimously recommended Nicole Boardman for the interim position. Selectwoman Cranson moved to appoint Nicole Boardman to the interim Director position for the Senior Center and that the Town Administrator will work out the hours with the Personnel Board and Nicole. Selectman Kilcoyne 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Cutler – Aye. Motion carried.

Town Meeting Update

The Town meeting went smoothly and the sound system worked well. There has been a suggestion that there be a speaker on the stage. The Board thanked the Finance Committee and the Town

	<p>Moderator for all their work, regarding the preparation and smooth running operation of the Town Meeting.</p> <p>The RFP for Hardscrabble Road is still out. Feedback has been negative in regard to the placement of the easements on the property, especially the main easement that runs through the center. The taxpayers had voted to buy the property with the intention of recouping their investment, along with providing access to conservation property. Since the present easement plan seems to be dissuading buyers for the property, the easements may need to be adjusted and the new plan recorded prior submittal of another RFP. The Town will wait to see if they get an acceptable offer before they consider that option.</p> <p>Economic Development Committee</p> <p>The EDC will conduct a community forum at the Chocksett School on June 2 at 6:00pm. This will be an interactive discussion with the intention of getting input from the public, regarding the course that the EDC should take. Additional input will be accepted via email to the EDC, prior to the meeting.</p>
Public Session	<p>No one spoke at public session.</p>
Adjourn	<p>At 8:03 pm, Chairman Cutler made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Motion Carried.</p>
	<p><u>Materials: Police report, Alcohol Applications, Emails regarding 1835 Town Hall Committee and report by Mr. Jones</u></p>