

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 8, 2017

<i>MEETING:</i>	<p>Chairman Kilcoyne called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Roll Call: Selectwoman Cranson - Present. Chairman Kilcoyne – present. Selectman Lane - present.</p> <p>The chairman announced that the Municipal Building will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, February 9th due to impending blizzard conditions.</p>
Minutes	<p>Selectman Lane moved to approve the public minutes of January 25, 2017, as written. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried.</p> <p>Selectman Lane moved to approve the executive session minutes of January 25, 2017, as written but not to publish until the issue is resolved. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried. These minutes will not be released until the matter is settled.</p> <p>Selectman Lane moved to approve the public session minutes of Feb 1, 2017, as written. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried.</p> <p>Selectman Lane moved to approve the executive minutes of Feb. 1, 2017, as written. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried.</p>
OPEB Update	<p>Chairman Kilcoyne reported that the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) subcommittee proposed that the OPEB be funded this year with an article for \$100,000.00 and that OPEB be made part of the yearly operating budget. Next year, and each year after, they are proposing that the OPEB obligation be funded at an established base of \$100,000.00 in addition to a yearly determined percentage of free cash.</p>
Road Race	<p>Kristen Dietel, the Recreation Director, requested that a 5K-10K race be approved for April 1, 2017. This is to be a sanctioned event and her goal is to have 250 participants. Registration fee is \$20.00 for the 5K race and \$30.00 for the 10K race. The race will start and finish at the Griffin Road Track. Selectman Lane moved to approve the Recreational Road Race for April 1, 2017. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried.</p>
Roselli and Clark Proposal	<p>After discussion, Chairman Kilcoyne moved to enter into an agreement with the auditing firm of Roselli and Clark Associates for a period of 3 years at an annual cost of \$21,500.00. The cost of a single audit, should one be necessary, is not included in the contract price. Selectwoman Cranson – 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried.</p>
School Budget	<p>Joe Scanlon, the Business Director for the School District and Darryll McCall, the Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the Preliminary FY2018 budget. They discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY17 Status - \$86,875,665.00• FY18 Enrollment & Per Pupil Expenditure (Sterling's total enrollment is expected to be 1,168 students. The per pupil expense - \$11,537.00)• FY18 Salaries and Benefits - \$72,588,293.00• FY18 Instruction & Operations - \$8,707,824.00• FY18 Fixed Costs - \$10,121,865.00• FY18 Total Budget - \$91,417,982.00• Budget Calendar<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Governor's Budget – Received January 25, 2017

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- Meetings with Town officials – February
- Annual Budget Hearing – February 13, 2017
- School Committee Budget approval – March 12 2017
- Town Meeting – Sterling May 1, 2017

Update public transportation

Mr. Gregg Dumas has been attending Montachusett Area Regional Transportation meetings as a representative for the Town of Sterling. He reported that MART provides shuttle service to Worcester which provides access to a variety of medical, legal, and transit services in that city. MART has proposed that Sterling be added as a “flexible” shuttle stop and that the pick-up location could be either Meolas Wayside Ice Cream or Sterling Police Department. Mr. Dumas voiced his concern regarding the proposed pick up sites, due to safety and accessibility issues. He proposes that the pickup site should be the Butterick Building. The Board agreed and the consensus of the Board was that the pickup location should be established at either the Butterick building or the Senior Center or both.

Mr. Dumas also stated that it would not be feasible to offer sporadic (“flexible”) shuttle service. Rather, he advocates for an immutable time schedule for the route so that riders could rely upon the service. Before agreeing to such a schedule, MART wishes to conduct a town wide survey, in order to gauge the interest of potential ridership. That survey should be completed within the next couple of months.

Mr. Dumas regrets that he will be unable to continue to serve the Town as he is leaving the state. The Board thanked him for his service.

Approve volunteers Capital Committee

After discussion, Selectwoman Cranson moved to appoint Cynthia Secord to the Capital Fund Committee. Selectman Lane 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried. Her term will end June 30, 2018.

After discussion, Selectwoman Cranson moved to appoint Elaine Heller to the Capital Fund Committee. Selectman Lane 2nd. Selectman Lane – Aye. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne- Aye. Motion carried. Her term will end June 30, 2019.

Approve 1 day alcohol Licenses

After discussion, Selectman Lane moved to approve the one day alcohol license for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club for a meat raffle on February 12th from noon until 6:00 pm. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Lane – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne – abstained. Motion carried.

After discussion, Selectman Lane moved to approve the one day alcohol license for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club for a game supper on February 25th from 4:00pm until midnight. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Lane – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne – abstained. Motion carried.

After discussion, Selectman Lane moved to approve the one day alcohol license for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club for March 4th from 6:00pm until midnight. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Lane – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne – abstained. Motion carried.

After discussion, Selectman Lane moved to approve the one day alcohol license for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club for a game supper on March 19th from Noon until 6:00pm for a celebration of life gathering. Selectwoman Cranson 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Lane – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne – abstained. Motion carried.

Marijuana Bylaw discussion

The Board of Selectmen invited the Planning Board to attend the meeting to discuss the possible implementation of a Marijuana Bylaw that would prohibit/limit recreational Marijuana within the boundaries of the Town of Sterling. The planning Board members to attend were Chairman John Santoro, Michael Pineo and Russell Philpot. At this time, the wording on the Massachusetts referendum, regarding recreational

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marijuana, is ambiguous and requirements for legal action are uncertain. Therefore, the new Town Administrator, Ross Perry, suggested that the town pursue a moratorium on recreational marijuana at the Annual Town Meeting. The moratorium would give the Town time to wait and see what the State will implement for laws and procedures regarding recreational marijuana. After discussion, the consensus of both boards was that it is in the best interest of the Town of Sterling to place an article on the warrant for a moratorium against all recreational facilities in the Town. The moratorium would be in force for a year. Mr. Perry will work with Town Counsel to write the article.

The Planning Board voiced their concerns that their board has not received any applications for permitting from Prime Wellness. Their proposed Medical Marijuana facility location is on Chocksett Road. The Select Board will invite the Planning Board, the Board of Health and Prime Wellness to a meeting in the future to discuss the plans for the Medical Marijuana facility.

TA Report Hardscrabble Road plans are recorded and the plan contains no town owned rights of way. The RFP is being reviewed by counsel and as soon as it is approved, the lot on Hardscrabble e Road will be advertised for sale. The deed will be filed after the lot is sold.

The March 8th meeting will be moved to March 1st because Selectwoman Cranson will be out of state on the 8th.

Public session No one spoke at Public Session.

Adjourn At 9:52, Selectwoman Cranson moved to adjourn public session. Selectman Lane 2nd. Selectwoman Cranson – Aye. Selectman Lane – Aye. Chairman Kilcoyne - Aye. Motion carried.

Materials: minutes, Race Application, Roselli, Clark proposal, school email, School budget, Shuttle report, volunteer info., one day alcohol requests, K&P marijuana update.