

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 11, 2015

MEETING

Roll Call: Selectman Cutler - Present. Selectman Kilcoyne – Present. Chairman Patacchiola – Participated remotely, due to geological proximity. At 7:07 pm, Vice Chairman Kilcoyne called the meeting to order.

Minutes

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved to approve the public minutes for February 25, 2015. Chairman Patacchiola 2nd. Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler moved to approve the minutes for March 4, 2015. Chairman Patacchiola 2nd. Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

ZBA Appointment

After discussion, Vote: Chairman Patacchiola moved to appoint Patrick Fox as the alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

Scholarships

The consensus of the Board was that they would like to receive additional information, regarding the scholarships. Therefore, this topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

Police Report

Chief Gary Chamberland reported the following for the month of December:

Personnel, Training and Equipment:

- Recommend part time dispatcher Thebeau be appointed matron/cell monitor to replace Mr. Farrar who help both positions.
- Ice damns causing water leakage at the police station.
- Two officers out of work on medical leave. One will be for a couple of weeks the other 6- 8 weeks. Neither was an on-the-job injury.

Community Interaction:

- Met with school superintendent his staff and local Wachusett communities fire and police officials on regional school safeties matters.

General Police Business:

- Annual town report completed.
- Grant reimbursement package completed and sent in.
- Seven arrests during the month. Two domestic assaults, two warrants, three protective custodies.
- Twenty-two motor vehicle stops, ten citations.
- Twenty-six incidents were investigated.
- Twenty-two crashes were investigated. Many were weather related sliding or skidding crashes.

Appoint Cell
Monitor

After discussion, Vote: Selectman Cutler moved to appoint Kimberly Thebeau as cell monitor/matron with the term to expire on June 30, 2015. Chairman Patacchiola 2nd. Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

After discussion: **Vote:** Selectman Cutler moved to take no action, at this meeting, regarding

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Election Date 2016	approval of the election date for May 2016. Chairman Patacchiola 2 nd . Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried. The Board wishes to link their approval to action taken upon the Boards directive that action be taken by the School to address the School lease and School building maintenance issues.
Land Trust Warrant Article	James French, the current President of the Sterling Land Trust, which is a private non-profit organization in Sterling, addressed the Board. He explained that the Sterling Land Trust is dedicated to preserving open space and providing passive recreational opportunities to the populace of Sterling. The organization was founded in 1998 and in that time the organization has protected close to two hundred acres. The Land Trust also provides trail systems and open space as well as information to land owners who wish to preserve the land. Historically the voters have approved the article asking for financial assistance. The Sterling Land Trust requested that the Board support the article that requests a total of \$1,300.00. Since the Sterling Land Trust is a private non-profit, the Board voiced some reservations. However, Vote: Chairman Patacchiola moved that the Board support the article presented by the Sterling Land Trust. Selectman Kilcoyne 2 nd . Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Selectman Cutler – Opposed. Motion carried.
TA Report	<p>The Town Administrator reported that he will make amendments to the Proposed School Lease and send it to the Members of the Select Board to individually consider. Any suggested changes can then be addressed at a future meeting.</p> <p>The budget retreat, on March 7, 2015, went well and the budget is on track.</p> <p>The Insurance Advisory Committee has been considering proposals and benefits for FY 2016. The IAC will consider all options and bring their recommendations to the Board at a future date.</p> <p>The Board wishes to finalize decision on Selection of permanent Town Administrator. The Chairman will contact Labor Council to negotiate a contract with whomever is chosen.</p> <p>The Virtual Budget will be reconsidered at the next meeting. The Board requested that the Town Administrator solicit input from Department Heads to be certain that the Virtual Budget is a tool that they will find useful.</p> <p>There was a serious accident at the Department of Public Works on March 4, 2015. An ice dam broke loose on the main roof of the recycling center and injured two of the DPW workers. The Board sends its condolences and best wishes for a speedy recovery to the injured men.</p>
Business and Correspondence	The Town Administrator will respond to the recent letter that was received by the Personnel Board.
Public Session	<p>The Town Moderator, Dick Sheppard, announced that he will not run for re-election as Town Moderator in May. The Board thanked him for his many years of service to the Town of Sterling.</p> <p>Mr. Belair of 34 Clinton Road submitted a complaint form alleging a violation regarding earth removal at 38 Clinton Road. The Town Administrator reported that he had spoken with inspectors regarding this issue and was told that there was no violation. The Town Administrator will see that Mr. Belair is notified in writing as to the outcome of his complaint.</p>
Adjourned	Selectman Cutler moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:11 pm. Selectman Kilcoyne 2 nd . Vice Chairman Kilcoyne – Aye Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

Materials list: agenda, minutes, volunteer application, scholarship info., police report, cell monitor appointment request, Land Trust info.

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