

May 4, 2015

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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MEETING:

Chairman Patacchiola called the meeting to order at 6:15 in the Chocksett Gym prior to Town Meeting. Roll Call: Chairman Patacchiola – Present. Selectman Cutler - Present. Selectman Kilcoyne – Selectman Kilcoyne – Present.

Selectman Cutler and Selectman Kilcoyne presented Chairman Patacchiola with an engraved gavel for his service to the Town as a selectman for the past three years.

At 6:40 Chairman Patacchiola moved to adjourn the public meeting. Selectman Cutler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Patacchiola stated that in light of the fact that the DPW Wages line item, on the operational budget, is incorrect, due to a clerical error. The moderator has voiced his cooperation in allowing the clerical error to be corrected on Town Meeting Floor. Chairman Patacchiola moved that the articles # 1 and #9 be amended to reflect the 2% wage increase proposed by the Finance Committee. The Board will ask either Bill Tuttle, Superintendent of the DPW or Bob Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee to move the amendment on Town Meeting Floor. Selectman Kilcoyne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Patacchiola moved that the words “on file with the Town Clerk” be omitted from Article 15 and that the Official Motions book reflect the wording change. Selectman Kilcoyne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.

At 6:30pm the Town Moderator, Richard Sheppard, opened the Special Town Meeting by stating that the Town Clerk, Dawn Michanowicz, was not able to attend and therefore the Assistant Town Clerk, Jeanne Survell would need to be voted in as the Temporary Town Clerk for the Special and Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked for a nomination from the Board of Selectmen and Jeanne Survell was nominated and voted in by the Board of Selectmen, as the Temporary Town Clerk.

Per the Chairman’s direction, the Board of Selectman stepped outside the gymnasium door in order to continue their meeting without disrupting the Special Town Meeting. The door remained open and the Select Board was within view of the Town Meeting Attendees.

The Board discussed article 8 and after discussion, VOTE; Chairman Patacchiola moved that the Board move on the words of Article 8, as written. Selectman Kilcoyne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried. The tacit consensus of the Board is to allow the Personnel Board to explain the article. However, if the article is flawed, the Board may choose to move to table it.

Adjourn

Chairman Patacchiola moved to adjourn the Selectman’s meeting at 6:40 pm. Selectman Cutler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Patacchiola – Aye. Motion carried.