

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Master Plan Organizational Meeting  
February 15, 2018

**MEETING:**

Chairman Cranson called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Selectman Kilcoyne – Present. Selectman Lane - Present. Chairman Cranson – Present.

The purpose of the meeting was to update the Town's Master Plan that was created in 1962. It was explained that a Master Plan is a 'living' document and the "map" for the future of the Town.

It was also explained that the Master Plan falls under the purview of the Planning Board and that it is the Planning Board that will ultimately need to submit the proposed plan to the Town Council, for vetting, prior to placing it on an Annual Town Meeting warrant. The entire process may take between 2 – 5 years. The Board is hopeful that the project will be completed in relatively short order. Fortunately, the Town has received an initial grant of \$25,000.00 toward technical assistance, in order to get this project under way.

Everyone was encouraged to *peruse* Sterling's 53 year old plan. The plan is available online. The plans for surrounding communities can be found on their respective websites.

Many Boards were represented, including the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Planning Board. Everyone present supported the updating of Sterling's Master Plan. Several people offered different approaches to accomplish this update.

There are nine chapters to most plans, each concentrating on various elements of a community.

It was decided that the Advisory Committee would be divided into 9 working groups.

The attendees were encouraged to sign up to participate in specific areas of interest. The 9 working groups and volunteers were;

**Future Goals and Policies** – Rosanne Mapp and Jed Lindholm

**Land Use** – Everett Pierce and Gary Menin

**Housing** – Everett Pierce, Kate Pietrovito, Nancy Castagna, Dick Maki, and Robert Protano

**Economic Development** – Rosanne Mapp, Jed Lindholm, Dick Maki, Arden Sonnenberg, and Andy Moisan

**Transportation** – Andy Moisan

A professional facilitator will be employed to pull all facets of this project together. The volunteers were assured that their time could be flexible and that there was great opportunity to add value to this endeavor through research, community polls, info meetings, writing, computer input, mapping etc.

**Adjourn**

At 8:47, Selectman Lane moved to adjourn. Selectman Kilcoyne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Selectman Lane –Aye. Selectman Kilcoyne – Aye. Chairman Cranson – Aye. Motion carried.