

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
August 30, 2012

MEETING:

Chairman Sushchuk called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Roll call established that Selectmen Paul Sushchuk, Ron Furmaniuk and Brian Patacchiola were all present.

**VOTE:** Selectman Sushchuk made a motion to approve the agenda with the exception of allowing the request for a Common Victualler's License to be heard prior to the executive session. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

The request was made by Edmoth Matthews for Hamilton's Catering.

**VOTE:** Selectman Sushchuk made the motion to grant a Common Victuallers license to Hamilton's Catering. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

**VOTE:** Selectman Paul Sushchuk made a motion enter Executive Session regarding Collective bargaining. Roll Call Vote. Chairman Sushchuk – Aye. Selectman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – Aye. The public was asked to leave the room.

The public meeting resumed at 7:01.

Chairman Sushchuk declared that the Sterling Lancaster Television as the only official electronic copy of the meeting.

Police:  
Appointment of Interim Sgt.

Chief Chamberlain requested that the Board appoint Detective David Johnson as Interim Sgt., due to an extended leave of absence by one of the current sergeants. Detective Johnson will be moved from the 3 – 11 shift to the day shift for the duration of this assignment. **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to grant this request. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

Town planner:

The Select Board met with Executive Director, Glenn Eaton and the Planning and Development Director, John Hume of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to discuss Town Planners and Master Plans for the Town of Sterling. The MRPC reported that they are able to provide some free services to the Town, but stated that these services are limited. They also stated that some services can be offered for reduced fees, such as: Grant Writing, Housing Project Plans, Zoning By-Law work and Development of Renewable Energy.

The Board discussed the possibilities of addressing economic development, grant money, transportation, water preservation and a job description for a Town Planner. To this end, the board discussed the appointment of an Economic Development Committee.

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Paperless Meetings:

The Town Administrator informed the Board that there are about 30 different vendors who sell software for "going paperless". The Board was asked what they want the software to accomplish and what features they would like it to deliver. The consensus was that they would like the Town Administrator, Executive Assistant and IT Professional to narrow the search down to the 3 best choices and present those choices to the Board at a later date.

Update on 1835 Town Hall Septic:

The 1835 Town Hall Committee supplied a report, which concluded that the Town Hall can accommodate as many as 260 people at any one time, without the necessity of the nitrogen removal system. The Board requested that the Committee verify bids and report on the cost of the septic hook-up alone sans the cost of the nitrogen removal system.

Oil Bids:

The Selectmen received two bids for heating oil. The two bidders were Radio Oil and Cleghorn Oil. After discussion, it was decided that the option to go with the margin over cost would probably be the most cost efficient. **VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to fill up all the tanks at the current low price and then to contract with Radio Oil at ten cents per gallon over the wholesale cost of the oil. Selectman Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

Town Admin. Update:

Hardscrabble Road is currently in being processed through legalities by the seller's guardian.

The Department of Transportation called. Arthur Frost would like to meet with Town officials concerning the Round-about that is being proposed for Chocksett Crossing Intersection. The state is also interested in incorporating a bike path.

On Sept. 6 there will be an informational meeting presented by the DCR concerning the Asian Longhorn Beetle. Although there is an infestation in West Boylston, the beetle has not yet migrated to Sterling, as evidenced by the many traps that have been set in Sterling.

The Assistant Town Clerk position has been offered to an applicant. The Town Clerk is awaiting an acceptance before publicizing the name of the applicant.

The Town Administrator informed the Select Board that additional funding is required in order to meet deadlines and to provide adequate service through the Town Accountant's office.

Terri Ackerman will be hosting a cable show called The Faces of Sterling, in

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order to keep the public better informed about the happenings in town. The program will air on channel 8 and 99.

**Appointment:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to appoint Richard Maki as a member of the Sterling/Lancaster Cable Television Board of Directors. Selectmen Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**VOTE:** Chairman Sushchuk read off the names of the Vendors for the Town Fair who are requesting a license. Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to grant the licenses. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**VOTE:** Chairman Sushchuk read off the names of the Common Victullars for the Town Fair who are requesting a license. Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to grant the licenses. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**VOTE:** Selectman Sushchuk made a motion that the Select Board waive the Fair licensing fee for the Firefighters Association. Selectman Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Vote:** Chairman Sushchuk made a motion that the Board enter into the Hold Harmless Agreement, pertaining to the fair. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**Vote:** Chairman Sushchuk made a motion that the Board enter into the Helicopter Agreement, pertaining to the fair. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

Chairman Sushchuk has agreed to speak at the opening ceremony of the Fair on Saturday morning.

At 8:38 the meeting was adjourned.