

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
November 7, 2012

MEETING:

Chairman Sushchyk called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Roll call established that Selectmen Paul Sushchyk, Ron Furmaniuk and Brain Patacchiola were present. **Vote:** Selectman Sushchyk made motion to approve agenda. Selectman Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

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

The public meeting resumed at 7:00.

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

**VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the minutes of October 24th, 2012. Seconded by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in Favor.

Appointments to  
Personnel Board

Bruce Baker was interviewed for re-appointment to the Personnel Board by the Select Board, John Kilcoyne from the Finance Committee and the Town Moderator, Richard Sheppard.

**VOTE:** Mr. Kilcoyne made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Baker. Richard Sheppard 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor

Weymoth Whitney was interviewed to fill a vacancy on the Personnel Board. He stated that he has lived in Sterling for over 50 years and realizes the importance of the Personnel Board to represent the employees, in a fair and just manner, in order to maximize services that are provided to the residents.

Mr. Whitney has previously served on the Housing Authority as well as on the Senior Center Building Committee.

**VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola Made the motion to appoint Mr. Whitney to the Personnel Board. John Kilcoyne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor

Change of Manager –  
140 Club

Mr. Stephen Kilcoyne asked that he be allowed to change his manger for the 140 Rendezvous Club on Redemption Rock Trail. Selectman Sushchyk abstained from participating in the discussion due to a prior legal association with Mr. Kilcoyne.

Mr. Kilcoyne is the sole owner operator of the business. Previously, he had named an employee as the Manger. However, Mr. Kilcoyne reported that he had laid off the employee and now wished to be the Manager of his own business. **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to allow Mr. Kilcoyne to Manage the business. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote.

Take position on STM  
Articles

Article 5 for Special Town Meeting: Connect Septic System for 1835 Town Hall

Mr. Vern Gaw represented the 1835 Town Hall building committee. He stated that he had spoken to Terry Heinhold, who has experience in nitrogen fixation systems, Mike Cove, Bill Murray, and Clearwater Engineer, Liz Dupree concerning the hook up of the septic system. He reported that after having these discussions, he is confident that the request for \$88,700.00 is adequate. However, he does not have actual bids for the work to be done.

Mr. Gaw also reported that the Town should expect to pay quarterly maintenance fees for inspections of the proposed septic system. These fees may run between \$100.00 - \$300.00 per inspection.

Upon further discussion, the question arose as to whether or not Mr. Gaw was sure that the Fire Station septic system was equipped with nitrate fixation tanks. The inclusion of these tanks was part of the Fire Station design. However, no one was able to confirm their existence. Since these tanks would reportedly cost the Town an additional \$20,000.00 – \$30,000.00, the consensus of the Board was to table this article until the Annual Town meeting in May. In the interim, more information can be gathered. It was strongly suggested that the 1835 Town Hall Building Committee:

- Make inquiries as to the existence and where about of the nitrogen tanks at the Fire Station.
- Make further discovery as to the drainage easements that will be paramount in the placement of the septic pipes, as they must run from the 1835 Town Hall to the Fire Station.

Selectman Sushchyk asked Mr. Heinhold to assist in the discovery of the info., regarding the nitrogen tanks.

Selectman Patacchiola will attend the next 1835 Town Hall Meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Gaw and all of the members of the 1835 Town Hall Building Committee for their commitment and hard work.

Article 7: Rescind Quinn Bill

Article 8: Special Legislation to Exclude Quinn Bill

Article 9: Police Collective Bargaining

It was the consensus of the Board that pursuant to the Executive minutes, the board needed to support articles 7, 8 and 9. Unanimous.

Discuss  
Reinstatement of  
Lease for 27 Main  
Street

Mr. Loan has request that the Town reinstate the expired lease that was held between Mr. Loan and the Town for usage of the parking area behind 27 Main street, Sterling. One of the stipulations of the expired lease is that the Town be responsible for plowing the lot. Mr. William Tuttle was present to present the DPW's concerns. Mr. Tuttle reported within the past few years, Mr. Loan has had a new septic system placed within the confines of the lot which has eliminated approximately half the previously available parking spaces. He also reported that due to the septic construction, the lot is in disrepair and in fact, during one of the last snow storms, one of the Town plows was damaged due to the disrepair of the pavement.

Discuss/vote  
Application for  
Agricultural  
Restriction for 88  
Rugg Road

Therefore, he was instructed by the DPW Board to cease future operations in the lot.

Mr. Heinhold pointed out that the easement through the lot is crucial to the hook-up of the 1835 Town hall septic system to the Fire Station and also that parking spaces are at a premium in the center of Sterling. The consensus of the Board was to further research the issues involved and to revisit this issue at a later meeting.

Present were Dave Grinkis, Wayne Grinkis, Carol Grinkis as co-owners of the farm house and land at 88 Rugg Road. The family is considering the possibility of granting an agricultural restriction, by the State, on the property at 88 Rugg Road, approximately 101 acres. These restrictions would preserve the land in perpetuity for agricultural purposes only.

James French was present to represent the Sterling Land Trust. He stated that the Sterling Land Trust supports open space initiatives. The Conservation Commission also supports this initiative.

Selectman Patacchiola stated that he would like more information. He suggested asking the Planning Board for their input. The consensus of the Board was that it would be prudent to ask for input from the following Boards;

- Agricultural Commission
- Industrial Development Committee
- Planning Board

In so doing, the Board will be prepared to make a decision at a future meeting, based upon plentiful information, should the family wish to proceed.

Town Administrator  
Follow-up

#### Sign CIC Grant Application

At a precious meeting, the Select Board had voted to enter into a collaborative effort to secure a Community Innovation Challenge Grant. The money would be used to hire a regional housing specialist on a part-time basis. The lead town is West Boylston, while Sterling and Boylston are participating entities. The Board signed the Grant application.

#### Presidential Election

The Town Administrator and the Select Board wish to thank the Town Clerk, Dawn Michanowicz and all the volunteers who worked the Presidential election. The turnout was over 80 percent and the entire operation ran smoothly.

#### Hurricane Sandy

While Sterling suffered little damage from Hurricane Sandy, the Town Administrator would like to thank Chief Chamberlain, Chief Hurlbut, William Tuttle and Sean Hamilton for their professionalism prior to and during the storm. They worked as a cohesive team.

#### Police Grant

Chief Chamberland received a \$10,000.00 grant to be used for training and dispatch.

#### Approval of 1 – day liquor licenses:

Business and  
Correspondence

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept the request for a 1 – day liquor license to serve wine at the Sterling Academy of Gymnastics, for a Vendors night on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Patacciola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept the request for three 1 – day liquor licenses for the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club. The dates are November 24<sup>th</sup> for a birthday party, December 8<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas party and December 9<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas party. Selectman Patacciola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Appoint Plumbing/Gas Assistant

Robert Janda was present to request that the acting assistant plumbing/gas inspector, Wilfred Delorey be officially appointed to the position. Mr. Janda reported that this is a technicality through the State. In fact, Mr. Delorey is the plumbing/gas inspector for the towns of Bolton, Lancaster and Clinton. For many years, in times of need, Mr. Janda and Mr. Delorey have filled in for each other, at no addition expense to the Towns involved. **VOTE:** Selectman Patacciola made a motion to appoint Mr. Wilfred Delorey as the Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector. Selectman Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Discuss use of room 205 for Selectmen

Forthwith room 205 at the Butterick Building will be unavailable to the public Mondays – Thursdays from 1:30 until 4:00. Selectmen will use the space to conduct administrative work.

Discuss Schedule for Public Hearing for review of WRSD Agreement

The Wachusett Regional School District agreement is up in May of 2013. A public hearing will be scheduled on January 2<sup>nd</sup> to review the next agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
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