

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 27, 2013

MEETING:

Chairman Sushchuk called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Roll call established that Paul Sushchuk, Ron Furmaniuk and Brian Patacchiola were present. **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the agenda. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding Contract Negotiations. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. **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 7:08.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. Selectman Sushchuk abstained because he did not participate in the regular meeting, on March 13.

Legislative
Update:

Present Representative Kimberly Ferguson and Representative Harold Naughton

The Representatives reported briefly on the proposed State budget. They are hopeful that local state aid will be level funded. They encouraged constituents to communicate with them so that they may better represented at the State level. The Select Board asked questions regarding the budget and legislation regarding the Medical Marijuana Law.

School update:

Both Representative Kimberly Ferguson and Representative Harold Naughton thanked the Town Administrator, Terri Ackerman for her excellent communications with their offices.

Lance Harris was present to give an update on the school system. He discussed the following:

- The school budget, depending upon State aid, is expected to pass along an increase of less than 1% to the Sterling tax payers.
- The Regional School Committee will eventually, as terms expire, decrease to 12 members. Their votes will be weighted depending upon population.
- The Thomas Prince School, in Princeton, that will be offered as an alternate school for students who wish to a more technical education. WPI will partner in this effort.

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Sterling National
Country Club
Seasonal License
renewal

On April 24th the school administrative staff will give a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. The Board commended the School Committee on a job well done.

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to approve the renewal of the Sterling National Country Club's Seasonal Liquor license. To serve all alcohol at the Member Bar, Pool House and Deck. Including the covered patio, pool complex, locker rooms and snack bar. From April 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Close ATM and
STM

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept all the articles listed for the Special Town Meeting for May 13th and close the warrant. 2nd Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor. (List attached at end of minutes)

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept all the articles listed for the Annual Town Warrant for May 13th and close the warrant. 2nd Selectman Patacchiola. (List attached at end of minutes)

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to table Article 4 (Town Planner) and remove it from the list of articles for the ATM. Chairman Sushchuk 2nd. All in favor.

Take position on
Town Meeting
articles

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept the amended list of articles for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting and close the warrant, as amended. 2nd Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

ARTICLE 12. Fund Senior Center

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 12, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 13. Fund Senior/Community Center

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to NOT support Article 13, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Discussion ensued. **VOTE:** Chairman Sushchuk made a motion to rescind vote on Article 13. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to report at Town Meeting on Article 13, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 14. Fund Equipment/Furnishings for Senior Center

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 14, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 15. Amend Personnel Bylaws

The personnel by-law task force, consisting of Don Jacobs, Weymouth Whitney, Bruce Baker, Pat Campbell, Karen Leclerc and Jed Lindholm were present to answer questions in regard to this issue. After discussion, the Board commended the Task force members for an outstanding job in preparing the updated Personnel By-laws.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to support Article 15, as written in the warrant. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 16. Set Salary of Municipal Light Board

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to **NOT** support Article 16, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 18. Ballot Question

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to **NOT** support Article 18, as written in the warrant. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 24. Replace Ambulance

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 24, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 40. Amend Bylaw Section 4.2 Multi-family Development

James Simpson was present to answer questions regarding article 40. A public hearing, regarding this article, is scheduled for the Planning Boards next meeting. After discussion:

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 40, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 43. Join Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project

Allan Hoffman was present to represent the Board of Health and to answer questions about article 43. After Discussion:

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 43, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 44. Resolution-Citizens United

Patricia Thomas and Laurie Lane were present to answer questions in regard to Article 44. After discussion;

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 44, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Further discussion. Chairman Sushchyk –Aye. Selectman Furmaniuk – Aye. Selectman Patacchiola – NAY.

ARTICLE 45. Amend WRSD Agreement Section 1

MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to support Article 45, as written in Version B for the warrant. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 46. Amend WRSD Agreement Section 9 ANNUAL REPORT

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 46, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 47. Amend WRSD Agreement Section 14 AMENDMENTS

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 47, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 48. Amend WRSD Agreement Section 17. LEASE OF SCHOOLS

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 48, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

ARTICLE 51. Special Act-Wekepeke

Maryanne Macleod and Cathy Harragian were present to answer questions regarding Article 51. After discussion;

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support Article 51, as written in the warrant. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor..

Town
Administrator
Updates/old
business

The Town Administrator reported the following;

- The Town Meeting Warrant will be signed at the next Select Board Meeting
- The Selectmen will tour the Sutton Senior Center on Friday, March 29th to see the facility and to ask questions of the staff.
- Interviews for the Veterans Affairs Officer will be held next week. The interviews will be conducted by the Town Administrator, the current Veteran's Affairs Officer, the Human Resource Director and the Lancaster Town Administrator. The finalists will be presented at the next Select Board meeting.
- A letter has been received from the Holden Board of Selectmen regarding a request for an audit of the FY12 Wachusett Regional School District Budget. The Sterling Selectmen will discuss this request at their next meeting.

Business and
Correspondence:

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to support the distribution of funds for the Neighbor to Neighbor applicant in the amount of 1,276.27. Selectman Furmaniuk 2nd. All in favor.

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to accept the resignation of Ann Marie Belair, from Personnel Board, with regrets. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

Adjourn:

VOTE: Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to enter into a maintenance agreement with Wachusett Regional School District for \$40,000 for FY13 which increases to \$41,000 for FY 14 and \$42,000 for FY15. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor. The Board signed the contract.

VOTE: Chairman Sushchuk made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor

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MAY 13, 2013

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