

TOWN OF STERLING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
April 11, 2013

MEETING:

Chairman Sushchuk called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding Contract Negotiations. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. **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 7:15.

**VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2013. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in Favor

Monthly Police  
Report:

Chief Gary Chamberland presented his monthly report for March of 2013. Included in the report was the following:

- Sgt Gaudette attended a three day budget training class presented by the Municipal Police Institute.
- Officer Lane Pomeroy attended a forty hour crisis intervention team training. She has brought back some valuable information and resources and is passing it on to the department.
- Officer Lane Pomeroy also attended a suicide prevention program.
- Chief Chamberlain attended an active shooter workshop at Anna Maria and also participated in defensive tactics training.
- The Chief has requested training by the State Police STOP team. He hopes to train our officers in response to active shooters. This practical training exercise will utilize a local site, preferably the school. This training will take place when the building is not occupied. Town officials, citizen (especially parents) will be notified well in advance of this simulation training.
- Posted for a Police Matron position.
- New front line marked police vehicle was placed into service

Appoint Police  
Matron:

Chief Chamberland requested that Michele Chevaire be appointed to serve as a Police Matron for the Town of Sterling. **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to appoint Michele Chevaire to serve as a Police Matron for the Town of Sterling. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Ms. Chevaire will serve from April 11, 2013 to June 30, 2013 and then be considered for reappointment.

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Discuss/Vote  
Eagle Scout  
Projects:

Brett Cotter requested that the Select Board support and fund his Eagle Scout Project. After speaking with the Town Clerk, Brett has decided to make new signs for the Town Clerk's Office. The signs will be used for elections and Town Meetings. Discussion ensued and it was deemed a worthwhile civic project. Since it is the obligation of the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk to conduct and advertise all elections: **VOTE:** Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to support this project and to fund, for materials, no more than \$437.00. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Connor Glazier requested that the Select Board support his Eagle Scout Project. Connor has proposed that he donate 6 park benches to be placed near the gazebo behind the fire station. He will raise the anticipated \$2500.00 required to purchase the premade kits, by soliciting donations and fund raising activities. **VOTE:** Selectman Sushchuk made a motion to support this project pending the DPW approval of the Bench locations. 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Furmaniuk. All in Favor.

Finalists for  
Veteran's Agent  
Position

Chair Jennifer Leone and Selectman Jack Sonia, from Lancaster joined the Sterling Board of Selectmen to interview the three finalists for the position of Veterans agent. The screening committee consisted of Terri Ackerman, Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator of Lancaster, Don Jacobs and Roland Nelson. The finalists who were interviewed were George Bourque of Northborough, Maurice Iorio of Sterling and Richard Sheppard of Sterling. The Boards commended the screening committee for their selection of the three candidates. The Boards will consider these candidates and make a final decision at the next meeting.

Discussion with  
Town  
Accountant:

Karen Chick was present to discuss the on-going difficulties within her office. She explained that she was experiencing delays due to untimely submissions of turnovers and the insufficient time in which to accomplish all the tasks that are required within her office. She suggested that it would be in the best interest of the Town and all involved if she trained a "back up" person who would be responsible for entering the data for the Bi-weekly warrants. She suggested hiring someone to work in her office for 20 hrs per month and reported that she has some funding in her budget to assist in paying for this help. **VOTE:** The Selectman Furmaniuk made a motion to approve hiring someone to be trained as a back-up person and who will be responsible for entering the data for the warrants. Selectman Patacchiola 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Discuss CIC  
Stormwater  
Grant:

The Board discussed the Intermunicipal Agreement for 2013 CIC Stormwater Grant. This grant would help purchase the digital technology to track stormwater. Matt Marro of the Conservation Commission is confident that participation in this opportunity will be beneficial to the town and the consensus of the Board is that they would like to support this initiative. However, they have asked Terri Ackerman to research funding for

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WRSD Audit:

participation and readdress this issue at the next meeting.

**VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to support Holden's Selectmen in their request to undertake an independent audit of the FY12 Wachusett Regional School District Budget. Chairman Sushchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion. All opposed.

Discuss and Vote  
fees for Sholan  
Park non-resident  
boat passes:

The Board discussed the Finance Committee's suggestion that the Annual Boat passes be lowered from \$300.00. **VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made the motion that the Annual Boat passes for Sholan Park be set at \$150.00, with a total of 10 passes to be issued per year. Selectman Furmaniuk 22<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor

Discuss Support  
Initiatives for  
Town Meeting  
Articles:

The following was decided:

- Selectman Patacchiola will write letters to the Editors of local papers. Other Selectmen will provide input for these letters prior to sending to the editors.
- Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> will also include discussion of Government Study articles supported by the Select Board.
- Possible cable interview/Press conference
- Work with Gov. Study Committee
- Remind people to attend Town Meeting
- Develop a handout and/or powerpoint for Town meeting

Administrator's  
Update/ Old  
Business:

It was announced that Dawn Michanowicz has completed the courses required and has earned the Title of CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK.

The announcement was made that the 2<sup>nd</sup> MART van has arrived and the Town is now actively looking for a driver.

The Board signed the Town Meeting Warrant with the following changes to be implemented in article 25. The Open Space committee will have staggered 3 year terms and the Industrial Development Committee will have 5 year terms.

Adjournment:

Chairman Sushchuk made the motion to adjourn at 9:57. Selectman Furmaniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

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