TOWN OF STERLING BOARD OF SELECTMEN June 19, 2013

MEETING

Chairman Furmaniuk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call established that Selectman Furmaniuk, Selectman Patacchiola and Selectman Cutler were all present.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to move the vault signing to the first agenda item and the interviews for the School Committee to the second item. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor

Sign Vault Borrowing Paperwork Treasurer, Ann Cervantes presented the paperwork necessary to borrow \$205,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the vault. The Treasurer recommends borrowing from People's United Bank at 2.8% interest. **VOTE:** Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to authorize the borrowing of \$205,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the Town's new vault. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in Favor. Documents were signed. This was witnessed and the signatures sealed by the Dawn Michanowicz, the Town Clerk.

Interview and Appoint member to the Wachusett Regional District School Committee. The Boards task was to interview and appoint an interim School Committee member to fill the vacancy when Norman Plourde resigned. This position expires in May 2014. The Board interviewed 3 candidates.

- Jason Joyce
- James Patacchiola (During the interview, Selectman Patacchiola recused himself and left the room.)
- Lisa Call

Liz Pape was also considered. However, she was unable to attend the meeting.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint Liz Pape. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Opposed. Chairman Furmaniuk – opposed.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint Lisa Call. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Patacchiola - opposed. Selectman Cutler – Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Lisa Call will be sworn in as the interim Wachusett Regional School District Committee member.

Joint Appointments:

Richard Sheppard was present in his role as Moderator. John Kilcoyne was present to represent the Finance Committee. In joint appointments, the Select Board holds 1 vote collectively. One vote goes to the Moderator and one vote goes to the Finance Committee.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint James Simpson to the Capital Committee. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Moderator – Aye. Finance Committee – Aye.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to reappoint Jed Lindholm to the Personnel Board. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Moderator – Aye. Finance Committee – Aye.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to reappoint Bob Brown to the Capital Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman

Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Moderator – Aye. Finance Committee – Aye.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to reappoint Mike Murphy to the Capital Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Moderator – Aye. Finance Committee – Aye.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to reappoint John Kilcoyne to the Finance Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Patacchiola - Opposed. Selectman Cutler - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Opposed. Moderator – Opposed.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to reappoint Bob Brown to the Finance Committee. Selectman Cutler 2nd. Roll call vote. Selectman Cutler Aye. Selectman Patacchiola - Aye. Chairman Furmaniuk – Aye. Moderator – Aye. Finance Committee – Aye.

Request for 5K Charity Run at Davis Farmland Larry Davis of Davis Farmland and Nicolette Saco, Manager of Davis Farmland, requested that they be allowed to close Redstone Hill Road from Wiles Road to Rte 62, to through traffic, on September 28, 2013 from 9:00am to Noon, in order to secure the safety of runners who will be participating in the Charity Run. After discussion, which included the Chief of Police, **VOTE**: Selectman Cutler made a motion to approve the closing of Redstone Hill Road from Wiles Road to rte 62, in Lancaster, contingent upon Davis Farmland notifying neighbors, hiring 2 Police details (1 Sterling officer at Wiles Road and 1 Lancaster Officer at the Lancaster end of Redstone Hill Road at Rte 62) and pending approval of Lancaster's Board of Selectmen. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in Favor.

Public Hearing: Regarding liquor violation at the 140 Rendezvous Chief Gary Chamberland reported that on May 27, 2013 he responded to a noise complaint at the 140 Rendezvous Club. Upon arrival he witnessed two people consuming alcohol in an outside area that has been previously disallowed for alcohol consumption. After lengthy discussion from neighbors and witnesses to the infraction, the Board VOTE: In light of the impending sale of the business. Chairman Furmaniuk made a motion to impose a 60 day probationary period during which no further violation may occur. If another violation is reported within the 60 days, a 2 day suspension of the liquor license will be imposed. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in favor. The 60 day probation to begin on June 19, 2013. There is an impending sale on the business.

Police Report

Chief Gary Chamberland's report for the month of May included the following:

Personnel, Training and Equipment:

- Officer D. Johnson attended a "train the trainer" school on Quick Clot. A class on administering emergency first aid for first responders.
- Sergeant Happy has submitted for retirement from the SPD after more than 35 years of service.
- Working process for promoting a Sergeant.

General Police Business:

Annual bike race was held in Town. There were several incidents

- reported this year involving riders and race officials.
- The Chief had a meeting with the Race coordinators to discuss this year's problems. The coordinators have proposed some modifications and steps to alleviate the problems.
- Signed a MOU with District Attorney pertaining to investigation of child abuse cases.
- Preparing for seasonal enforcement activities. Increased traffic complaints, trespassing and parties at normal locations, beach parking violations.
- Five arrests during the month.
- Fifty traffic stops and sixteen citations were issued.

The Board will seriously consider the problems with this year's bike race prior to granting permission next year.

Annual Reappointments:

The Select Board considered the extensive list of re-appointments. **VOTE**: Selectman Cutler made a motion to re-appoint all candidates up for reappointment, with the exception of the following:

- Veterans Grave Officer (question legality of appointment, since Mr. Temple no longer lives in town)
- Zoning Boards of Appeals Alternate (question as to Town residency)
- 140 Corridor Ad Hoc Committee members
- 1835 Town Hall Committee member

Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in favor.

These exceptions will be re-considered at a future meeting.

Appointments:

After discussion and consideration of the support from the boards and committee involved;

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to appoint Judy Reynolds as the voting seat on the Senior Center Building Committee, with Kevin Beaupre and Robert Bloom as Ex Officios and Terri Ackerman as a resource Manager. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in Favor.

VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to appoint Ann Marie Catalano to the Animal Control Board. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in Favor. **VOTE**: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to appoint Susan Farr to the Cultural Council. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in Favor.

Discuss 228 Car Cruise (228 Leominster Road)

David Fisher was present to request an entertainment license and several 1 day liquor licenses for his property on 228 Leominster Road, currently known as Car Cruise 228 and formerly known as the Twin Oaks. He reported that the weekly car cruise events are held on Saturday afternoons from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. There was lengthy discussion from neighbors, who are opposed to the general usage of the property (to gather large numbers of people, for the purpose of displaying classic cars). They also are opposed to the music and complained about the amplification of voices (both naturally occurring and mechanically amplified). The Select Board made the decision to deny Mr. Fisher's request for an entertainment license and 1 day liquor licenses until they receive information/input from the Zoning and Building Inspector. Therefore, this issue will be re-addressed at the next meeting, July 1, 2013.

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Non-resident Lake Fees

Selectman Patacchiola requested that he be allowed to further investigate the current practices for non-resident lake usage and fees. The consensus of the Board was that he should do so and report back to the Select Board in the future.

Approve 1 day liquor license and Entertainment License

After discussion; **VOTE**: Selectman Cutler made a motion to grant an entertainment license to the Clinton Rotary. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in Favor.

VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to grant a 1 day liquor license for Beer and Wine to the Clinton Rotary Club to be used at the MeadowBrook Orchard on June 27, 2013 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in Favor.

Town Administrator's Updates

The Town Administrator reported the following;

- A NO WAKE order has been issued for East Lake Waushacum due to high water levels and the increased possibility of shore erosion.
- The finance Committee voted and approved Lisa Call as the Representative for the Neighbor to Neighbor Program
- The Finance Committee will continue their discussion on the dissolution of the Adopt a Streetlight Program at their next meeting, in October.
- On Thursday, June 27th, the new Solar Project on Wiles Road, will hold a ceremony to celebrate the completion of the project.
- The Worcester Food Pantry will be open at 50 Worcester Road on Friday July 19 and Saturday July 20, from 9:00 – 11:00.

Business and Correspondence:

- The Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee requests that one
 of the Selectmen be appointed to their Organization. After
 discussion: VOTE: Chairman Furmaniuk made a motion to appoint
 Selectman Cutler to the position. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd.
 Selectman Patacchiola Aye Chairman Furmaniuk Aye.
- Cook & Company was the only Company to bid for the FY14 Police and Fire, Injury on Duty insurance policy. Discussion. VOTE: Selectman Cutler made a motion to approve the bid from Cook & Company, for the FY14 Police and Fire, Injury on Duty insurance policy for \$21,864.94. Selectman Patacchiola 2nd. All in Favor.
- The Board reviewed the Property Liability Insurance. No action is required.
- Liaison assignments were discussed. Selectman Cutler agreed to take over the liaison assignments that had been previously assigned to former Selectman, Paul Sushchyk.

Public Session:

During public session, residents requested that the following be addressed:

- Reason for non-reappointment for John Kilcoyne to the Finance Committee
- Whether there is an increase in sales for Sterling vendors during the Bike Race
- Why the entire road is closed during the bike race, instead of leaving one side of the road open to vehicular traffic

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- Resident wished to make certain that the Select Board was aware of a complaint filed with the Attorney General regarding the Zoning Board
- Policy on dog in the workplace
- Request for posted advertisement for 20 hr per week van driver position as advertised

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VOTE: Selectman Patacchiola made a motion to adjourn at 10:48. Selectman Cutler 2nd. All in Favor.

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