

TOWN OF STERLING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 18, 2017

MEETING:

Chairman Cranson called the All Boards meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Roll Call: Selectman Kilcoyne – Present. Chairman Cranson - Present. Selectman Lane - Present.

The purpose of this meeting was to bring all Boards/Committees together to open up communication and to share with other boards your FY 18 goals for Sterling. The Board of Selectmen hopes to help all Boards and Committees to move forward collaboratively. Ultimately, these efforts should lead Sterling to a base for a Town Master Plan, which for years had been a goal but could now become reality.

Time was limited for each presentation. The following is a synopsis of each Board/Committees goals for the coming year.

Board of Selectmen

- Improve Communication
- Economic Development
- Establish Property Usage Policy
- Long Range Financial Plan
- Additional Funding Sources

Finance Committee

- Address long term funding plans for Capital Items and OPEB

Capital Budget Committee

- Monitor Investment Policies
- Establish Financial Parameters

School Committee

No goals provided

Assessors

No goals provided

Department of Public Works & Water

- Tree maintenance and removal (Ash trees are all dying)
- Address Personnel Issues
- Water Meters
- Investigate new water sources

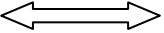
Planning Board

No goals provided

Economic Development Committee

- Support Town Planner position
- Support Master Plan
- Sewer Study
- Address down town parking
- Nuisance Ordinance By-law
- Promote Sterling

Board of Health

- Protective by-laws and Title 5 Regulations
- Review Right To Farm regulations
- Hire alternate agent
- Animal Control  Board of Health (open and frequent communication and collaboration)
- Co-Locate Inspectors

Conservation Commission

- Environmental Protection
- Support other Boards
- Forest Management
- Natural treatment of Lake Waushacum

Earth Removal Board

- Expedite permit process
- Update Bylaw

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Update Zoning Bylaws (Earth removal & Marijuana & Food Trucks)
- Support Zoning Enforcement Officer
- Appoint new members

Library

No goals provided

Recreation Commission

- FIELDS (policy, structure and add more fields)
- their continued efforts to work with Senior Center, Library to develop mutual programs
- Interested in developing after school programs @ the schools

Council on Aging

- Expand Programs
- Implement Senior safety and health programs
- Work toward helping seniors age in place

Cultural Council

No goals provided

Animal Control

- Update protective Bylaws – personal kennels
- 3 year dog licenses
- Emergency Response Animal Shelters

1835 Town Hall Committee

- Septic – DPW support
- Program development – Cultural Council, Historical Commission, & Library Support
- ADA Universal Access

Open Space Implementation Committee

- Completion of Open Space Updates
- Maintain trails and increase public awareness of trail availability
- Implementation of plan

Agricultural Commission

No goals provided

Historical Commission

- Preservation of Buss Tavern

Energy Committee

No goals provided (see notes at end of minutes)

Fair Committee

- Support fundraising for multiple organizations
- Find new location
- Support Eagle scouts

IT Committee

- Develop IT Strategy
- Develop digital strategy

Cable TV Advisory Board

- Address consumer concern
- Negotiate new 10 year contract

At 9:58 Selectman Lane moved to adjourn. Selectman Kilcoyne 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjourn

After the meeting, the **Energy Committee** submitted their goals;

- update the 2012 energy audit to include the 1835 building
- design of Butterick HVAC system
- Senior Center HVAC balancing and Lighting
- Grant opportunities for Natural Gas into the schools.

The **Library** submitted their goals:

- Work with and coordinate joint activities with the senior center, recreation dept., and schools
- Work with SLCT to develop staff technical skill to improve the promotion library programs