

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of September 22, 2020

Present: Gregg Aubin, Blaine Bershad, Deane Day, Paul Lyons, Paul Gerardi, Geoff Donohue, Susan Genereux, John (Jed) Lindholm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Gregg Aubin, Deane Day, Blaine Bershad present

Minutes of September 8, 2020 were read. Deane Day made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Blaine Bershad seconded the motion. All in favor 2-0.

John (Jed) Lindholm-Masterplan committee attended the meeting in regards to the town wide survey and expanding downtown with a vision for the future regarding walking and biking trails, transportation, building communication, and operational goals. Deane Day questioned the cost to get sidewalks up to code. Gregg Aubin believes it would be good to communicate with surrounding towns which have been upgrading their walks and trails. Deane Day and Blaine Bershad thought that opening up discussions of sewer hook-ups would be beneficial. Arden Sonnenberg stated that the top priority for the Masterplan is DPW, Water, Streets, Roads flooding and run offs.

#### Superintendent Report Water

- Board voted 3-0 to postpone updating job description of Assistant Superintendent of Water until next meeting. Gregg Aubin would like board members to critique job description and make their own notes for next meeting.
- Jackie Lemmerhirt is continuing to gather information regarding water meters and SMLD is willing to work with the DPW to resolve water meter situation. Paul Lyons stated that the Badger meter drive-by system is best and most durable. The Badger meter/radio complete cost is \$216.00. Mueller meters are unreliable with the availability time frame of 4 to 6 weeks. Eaton meters, which SMLD will be using, are more expensive but company willing to finance.
- Crowley Road- test well yielded salt and sulfur readings down a half and a third respectively.
- PFA Testing at the wells is free through a State program.

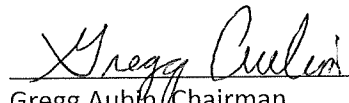
#### Superintendent Report DPW

- Residents appreciate that the brush dump schedule has been extended. The schedule will continue to be posted on website and sign board.
- Town of Princeton is on board to work with the Sterling DPW in regards to necessary repairs to Redemption Rock Trail.
- Town Hall gave the DPW short notice regarding the state grants for Mass DOT Shared Streets & Spaces and Safer Routes to School. The DPW is trying to complete all the projects by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Good progress is being made on the projects. Each Board Member stated that Paul Lyons' prep work for the projects is making a difference.
- Grant to replace culvert on Greenland Road has been denied. Although the agency has requested for it to be resubmitted in the future.
- Paul Gerardi, Highway Foreman, requested that the DPW charge a fee for cemetery foundations. The Board voted 3 – 0 to charge a fee of \$80.00 per square foot for said foundation.
- Meetinghouse Hill Road – roadside edging was performed as an aid in helping with natural draining of the road area.
- All three Board members agreed that the DPW has been making great strides to improving the roads, culverts, sidewalks and cemeteries.
- As part of the Safer Routes to Schools grant project the DPW will reconfigure the sidewalks in front of the schools. Also, will be adding crosswalks at Bean and Boutelle Roads.

- Gregg Aubin inquired about Mosquito control.
- New signs were installed at the Beaman and Princeton Roads intersection in an attempt to alleviate the number of accidents at said intersection.

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:29pm

  
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Gregg Aubin, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board