

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of August 25, 2020

Present: Gregg Aubin, Blaine Bershad, Deane Day, Paul Lyons, Paul Gerardi, Geoff Donohue, Susan Genereux, Arden Sonnenberg via telephone

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Deane Day, Gregg Aubin, Blaine Bershad present

Minutes of August 11, 2020 were read. Gregg Aubin made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Blaine Bershad seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0.

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- Peg's Pond Walking Trail- Greg Aubin inquired about the width of the path. Paul Lyons stated it was a 5 to 7 foot stone path with a twenty foot drain pipe. Sterling Greenery installed waterfall pumps on their own time. Deane Day stated that he is going to see if Pandoff-Perkins and Lazaro Paving can donate material to pave the path.
- Casella meeting at 11 AM, Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Gregg Aubin believed that the original contract from Central Mass Disposal (which was bought out by Casella) was renewed each year as an extension. Paul Lyons would like to add an option to allow residents to schedule a pick-up of materials not allowed in regular curbside pickup. Paul Lyons also thought it would be advisable to look at what other companies have to offer.
- Approval granted for resurfacing Route 140 to Beaman Road. Chapter 90 funds in the amount of \$351,741 has been awarded for next year projects. Looking to do over Wiles Road, Bean Road, and Kendall Hill Road with the funding.
- Going to work with Princeton DPW on Redemption Rock Trail at a 1000 foot section of road in the middle stretch next year in order to pave that road which hasn't been paved in over twenty years.
- All Board members agreed that the roadside mower needs replacing, due to the fact that the repairs are becoming too costly.
- The Board voted 3-0 to change on-call pay which will increase the cost by \$2,500 per year.
- Six out of twelve employees are certified on all equipment. Paul Lyons would like to see in-house training for remaining employees and begin cross training to help fill in when there is a need.
- Patching sidewalks- grant money of \$30K to \$40k. Money will also be used for access ramps and seating area in front of Library.
- No dogs allowed signs have been posted at the cemetery. Also white posts have been installed at Hillside Cemetery to mark rows, just waiting for letters to come in.


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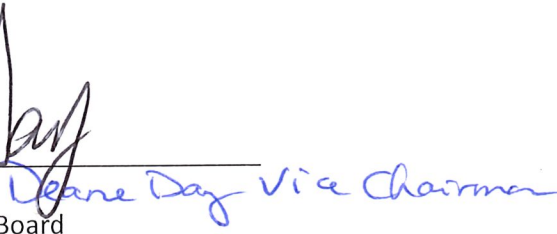
- Blaine Bershad will talk directly to Jackie Lemmerhirt pertaining to the proposal for water meter consultation.
- South Nelson Road- 3 water service lines are slated to be installed.
- Gregg Aubin stated the importance of mosquito control and would like the Conservation Commission and Board of Health to work with us in an effort to help with the downtown drainage situation.

- Paul Lyons stated there is a need for an Assistant Superintendent of Water. The board members were positive about the need but wanted more time to process the information explained by Paul Lyons. Gregg Aubin would like to discuss it in more detail at the next meeting.
- A voluntary water ban is still in effect.

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm


Gregg Aubin, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board


Deane Day Vice Chairman