

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of September 08, 2020

Present: Blaine Bershad, Deane Day, Paul Lyons, Paul Gerardi, Norm Gamblin, Geoff Donohue, Susan Genereux

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad present

Minutes of August 25, 2020 were read. Deane Day made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Blaine Bershad seconded the motion. All in favor 2-0.

Meeting delayed due to technical difficulties with the Zoom. Needed information from Ross Perry to start meeting. Ross Perry was able to get meeting started.

Superintendent Report Water

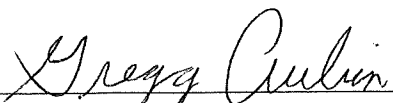
- Board voted 2-0 to postpone updating job description of Assistant Superintendent of Water until next meeting.
- Meeting with Casella is ongoing, updates to follow.
- Jackie Lemmerhirt continuing to gather information and Sterling Light Department is willing to work with DPW to resolve water meter situation
- Crowley Road- 66 feet- 2 areas gravel in place. Paul Lyons wants to pump test and continue to monitor.
- Blaine Bershad wants to be proactive to improve water conditions and look into a water filtration plant.

Superintendent Report DPW

- Albright Road – 120 feet dug out boulders to correctly repair roads. Repairs will last longer.
- Brush dump schedule extended – posted on website and sign board
- Patching Main Street – new sidewalks needed. Blaine Bershad would like to obtain grant money to help keep cost down.
- Town of Princeton not cooperating with repairs needed to Redemption Rock Trail. Paul Lyons will attend their meeting Thursday night, September 10th at 6pm with hopes of finding a beneficial agreement for both towns.
- 2019 Ford has arrived and DPW is working to install upgrades including a wet system to pretreat roads. Blaine Bershad wants to start talks with the Finance Committee about replacing some vehicles that repairs are becoming too costly. Both Deane Day and Blaine Bershad agreed that there are a number of trucks that need upgrades, especially the mower. All trucks must use load covers per Deane Day.
- Path of information undermines the chain of command. A phone call to communicate concerns or situations that may arise would be best before posting emails without validating information. This should be a goal that is easily achieved through better communications skills.
- Deane Day brought up concerns about the end of Beaman Road. Place blinking stop signs or place Stop Ahead signs before intersection to help alleviate the number of accidents at that intersection.

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm



Gregg Aubin, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board