

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of November 10, 2020

Present: Gregg Aubin, Blaine Bershad, Deane Day, Paul Lyons, L DeCiero, Gary DeCiero, Paul Gerardi, Darren Borge, Sean Hamilton, Joe Curtain, Susan Genereux and Arden Sonnenberg (zoom)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Gregg Aubin, Deane Day, Blaine Bershad present

Minutes of October 28, 2020 were read. Deane Day made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Blaine Bershad seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Public Session

Arden Sonnenberg discussed the moratorium on underground irrigation. Arden suggested that the department initiate a Water Conservation Program in order to educate the public regarding saving natural resources. She was in favor of setting up a subcommittee comprised of the DPW, residents and selectmen with no mandates, but its purpose would be to create a list of helpful hints. Gregg Aubin stated that educating the public was a good place to start. Arden suggested utilizing the town's website as an option.

Superintendent Report Water

- SMLD members Darren Borge, Sean Hamilton and Joe Curtain attended the meeting to discuss the Eaton Metering System. The cost associated with the Eaton Metering System includes changing out meters, replacement of all radios on the water meters to be compatible with a drive-by system, bill integration, software program and training individuals on the new system were all taken into consideration. Blaine Bershad asked the SMLD to clearly define and update an agreement for the next scheduled meeting that would allow the DPW to make a more informed decision.
- Sean Hamilton thanked the DPW for their assistance with the tree clean up after a recent storm.
- Tree cutting collaboration was put off until the next board meeting. Paul Lyons will be asking for more funds for tree cutting at the next town meeting.
- Flow test results Master Plan completed yielded no significant change in volume.
- Waiting for PFA testing results.
- Test well status moving forward – site plan review.
- Sent test wells information to engineers and DEP. Currently working on next step.

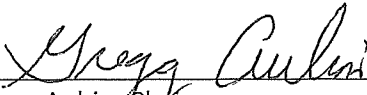
Superintendent Report DPW

- Building department continuing to work with the DPW on Justice Hill Road new home construction, final inspections and issuing occupancy permits for said locations.
- Truck repairs to F-550 sander and weights, converting sander to hydraulics.
- Tuesday, November 17th training on Mecelac excavator took place.
- Basin repairs are ongoing.
- Mapping of outfalls have been completed and maps have been received.
- Chapter 90 projects- \$57,000 left. The following projects have been approved for Spring 2021: Rte 140 Redemption Rock Trail –Princeton Road to Beaman Rd, Wiles Road, and at the beginning of Redstone Place.

- DPW Board members requested more time to make a decision for the curbside trash contract.
- Chain of command discussed: DPW Board is not involved in the day to day operations. Deane Day apologized to both Paul Lyons and Lisa DeCiero for interfering with the department's day to day operations and for telling one employee to put another employee in their place. All calls must go through the DPW office so there is consistency in decision making. All Board members need to make an effort to come in and sign the warrants. No special arrangements can be made for warrant signing.
- Paul Gerardi commented that since becoming foreman he and Lisa DeCiero have communicated and worked very well together with all job requests that come through the office. He appreciates the good working relationship with the office.

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM



Gregg Aubin, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board