

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of July 27, 2021

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Jeff Nutting, Geoff Donohue, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Mike Tomaolo, Arden Sonnenberg, Mr. Cormier, Susan Aldrich, Veronica Buckley and Residents from Twine Road

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of July 13th were approved 2-0

Public Session:

Mr. Cormier concerned of pot holes at the entrance of Elliott Road and continue to #13 Elliott Road. Arden Sonnenberg wanted thank Paul and Geoff for their work. Susan Aldrich voiced her concerns the composting not on the front burner. Veronica Buckley stated that more researching and exploring more options is needed.

On-going discussion of DPW & Water Goals. Prioritizing vehicle maintenance- adding to DPW Goals. Jeff Nutting meeting with Casella Waste Management to discuss recycling contract.

Residents of Twine Road notified of delays given to rain and short-handed. They attended the meeting to voice their concerns of re-opening the road. Speeding, littering and safety were the main concerns. Deane stated that Campground needs fixing and can't be closed until Twine Road opens. Further discussion is needed, but Blaine and Andrew said they were sympathetic to the Twine Road Residents.

Lazaro Paving Route 140 in the next couple of weeks.
Relocating sand awaiting availability of outside contractor.
Staffing- made 1 offer to a mechanic, 4 truck drivers- still going through background and medical checks.

Deane wanted to discuss DPW overtime and Payroll – Difficult to complete reports and payroll in a timely manner when only one person was working in the office for over a month and a half. One person to be responsible for DPW, Cemetery, Water, Special Projects, Filing, Payroll, Preparing Warrants Agendas and Meeting Minutes, Processing Water Payments, Recording Residents' Concerns. A 16 year employee worked over 280 hours in a four month period with another full time employee working in the office. When a second employee was hired, not only did she have all the above duties but had to take time out to train that individual.

ATM Equipment-Truck- Freightliner ordered – Spring delivery - \$184,900. Tractor/Mower suggest loaded mount- \$113,900. Leaf Blower Ride On ordered- 11.425.

Next posted meeting date TBD
Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm

Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board