

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of October 26, 2021

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Mike Tomaiolo, Geoff Donohue, David Rembetsy, Richard Deforia, Miquel Martinaz, Marion Larson, Vincent Ruziak and Arden Sonnenberg.

Zoom: David

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of September 21, 2021 passed 3-0

Public Session: Resident spoke about drainage issues at 14 Clemence Ave.

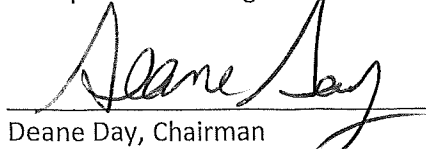
- The DPW and residents of 14 Clemence Ave. continue to work together to find the best solutions for the drainage issues in front of their home.
- A catch basin connection from private drainage was proposed by the residents of 48 Redstone Place. After reviewing handouts the Board thought there would be cheaper ways for the resident resolve this problem. Ryan Mouradian and Paul Gerardi will be meeting with Mr. Martinez to discuss options to resolve the drainage issues.
- Proposed Right of Way Policy was presented to the Board for their consideration. Deane Day requested that Mr. Mouradian draft an updated policy to bring before the Board.
- Mailbox Policy- Mr. Mouradian will revise the policy and present it to the Board at the next meeting.
- Cemetery Rules and Regulations and Fees will be discussed at future meetings.
- After a short discussion the Board requested Mr. Mouradian provide his opinion on the proposed Special Town Meeting at the next Board Meeting.
- A short discussion was had on the Water software causing errors in billing.
- Telephone lines- the DPW has two lines servicing 6 phones. The two lines are shared with the Water Dept., Mechanic, Superintendent and two office phones. It was suggested the DPW look into adding lines while waiting for the updated town wide phone system

Superintendent's Updates

- Water Rate Study – ongoing
- Casella – Town Attorney reviewing contract. (4% yearly increase under review)
- Will develop an implementation plan for replacing transmitters and water meters
- Looking into using a third party for billing and collections
- Corrosion control and Emergency Response plans due in December
- Engineering for Campgrounds is being designed
- DPW expense budget is currently a little above 31%, a handout was provided.
- DPW staff will be working to ensure that all plows are ready for service.

Meeting adjourned 9:19 pm

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board