

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of November 9, 2021

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Mike Tomaiolo, Geoff Donohue, Arden Sonnenberg, David Rembetsy, Jack Chandler and Richard Maki

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

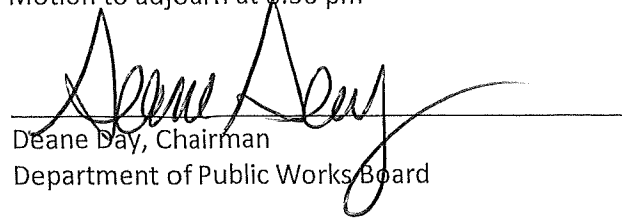
Minutes of October 12, 2021 passed 3-0

Public Session: Arden Sonnenberg praised the Water Department for their work during a recent appointment at her home.

- Updated Right of Way Policy was presented. Blaine Bershad made a motion to accept the policy with minor changes. Andrew Parker seconded. Motion was passed 3-0.
- Updated Mailbox Policy was presented. Board suggested some changes prior to approval. Revised policy will be presented at the next meeting.
- Mr. Mouradian advised the Board that considering the time of year and current status of Town Hall, he did not recommend perusing a special town meeting at this time.
- Casella Contract still with Town Legal Counsel. There was a brief discussion about using an electric truck, but the consensus was that the technology was too new.
- Update 14 Clemence Ave – a Catch Basin was replaced. DPW crew dug out a large area and wrapped with filter fabric and installed a leaching catch basin. It was then filled with crushed stone and backfilled with subbase.
- Discussion of proposed walkway for 37 Main Street Coffee Shop- Board recommended that walkway be ADA compliant and meet with current sidewalk. Mr. Bershad recommended a porous medium be investigated for the walkway.
- Brush Dump Tree Disposal – DPW and SMLD are working together to remove the existing debris and set procedures for future dumping.
- A discussion on the time clock was had, DPW will be moving away from time clock system and moving to an overtime sheet system.
- Superintendent updated the Board on current DPW and Water projects.
  1. Tire replacement of 4 trucks
  2. Hydrant replacement on Rt 140 after accident
  3. Sensors-wireless Snow & Ice –pavement temperature to be purchased
  4. Public Records request regarding composting
  5. Bucket truck – needs substantial repairs, not recommending repairs at this time
  6. Sterling Inn – it was requested by the Town treasurer that the DPW clear overgrowth prior to auction on 12/10
  7. Snow equipment ready to go
  8. Water billing- working towards a meter reading solution
- Other issues or concerns discussed: agenda format, communicating using town website and solar flashing stop signs

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm



Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board