

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of November 23, 2021

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Mike Tomaiolo, Arden Sonnenberg, David Rembetsy, Laura Ricci, Bruce Packard, Andrew Pavlhuv and Richard Maki

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> passed 3-0

Public Session: Mr. Maki was complimentary of the work the DPW completed to clean up the Town Inn that will be going up for auction in December.

Laura Ricci came before the Board to voice her concerns of the dip in the road at the intersection of Route 62 and Chocksett Road near Champion Kennels and the storage center.

- Updated Mailbox Policy was approved. Mr. Bershad made a motion to accept the updated policy and Mr. Parker seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0
- Houghton Playground Removal discussion: Arden Sonnenberg voiced her concerns about having the DPW use money out of their budget to remove the playground. Other options for funding the project were discussed. All three members opposed using the DPW budget for the project.
- Proposal to extend the brush dump operations to December 4<sup>th</sup> met no opposition from the Board.
- All three Board members are ready to move forward for the improvement of Route 140 at Route 62 Intersection, but want to wait for the presentation from Green International Affiliates, Inc.
- LED Flashing Stop Signs discussion led to a proposal to budget the money for the signs and place in strategic locations around town.
- Speed Limit Discussion- Route 62 from Princeton Town line to Route 140. After reviewing Sterling Police Report and listening to residents' concerns Mr. Parker made a motion to re-post the speed limit of 35 mph for this stretch of road and Mr. Bershad seconded it. All in favor 3-0.
- Superintendent updated the Board on current and ongoing DPW and Water projects.  
A few current projects discussed:  
Right of Way Policy accepted by the DPW Board on November 9<sup>th</sup> has been posted to the Town website and the DPW is requesting a new hydrant be installed at Chocksett Road Extension and Leominster Road. Mr. Mouradian is working on a Five Year Capital Plan along with proposed expense budgets. Water Emergency Response is plan will be completed by end of year. Town Counsel is reviewing Casella Contract  
A few ongoing projects:  
Water Rate study, Campground water main replacement discussion, transmitters and water meters replacements and corrosion control study.
- The agenda item "Other Business not Anticipated" will be changed to "future agenda items".

Next posted meeting date TBD  
Motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm



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Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board