

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of January 25, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy, Richard Maki, Gary Chamberland, R.D Mapp, Paul P. Cathcart and John Kilcoyne

Zoom: Arden Sonnenberg, James Patacchiola and James Robida

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Deane Day and Blaine Bershad present

Minutes of December 28, 2021 and January 11, 2022 were approved – Deane Day made a motion to approve the minutes and Blaine Bershad seconded 2-0

Public Session: No comments

- Rt. 12 median maintenance- Representatives from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and MADOT in attendance regarding maintenance of the median surrounding the new route 12 rotaries. 3 options given: Stay the course, Mow 2 or 3 times a year, or adopt a median. It was stated the trees planted on the Leominster side of the rotary are too large and block one's vision of oncoming traffic. Also, it was suggested that guidelines should be in place as to what vegetation can be planted.
- Cold Storage building for DPW, Police and Fire department – agreement that a building is needed. A further review of (1) the size of the building, (2) number of doors for ease of use and (3) getting electricity to the structure is needed.
- 68 Heywood Road earth removal permit was passed by the Town of Sterling Select Board and signed on January 18, 2022. Consistency and perhaps a check list for future permitting was discussed.
- A draft of Public Session Guidelines was handed out for the Board to review and discuss at a future meeting.
- Kenneth Sherman was announced as a new DPW hire filling a Driver/Laborer position. He will begin working on February 14, 2022.
- Mr. Mouradian made available copies of the Year to date financials to the Board members.
- Superintendent's update: Handouts made available to show the progress of past projects for the DPW and Water departments and being proactive to keep roads safe.
- 17 snow events – over 1,000 Tons of salt used.
- Water main break – Redstone, Rugg & Wiles roads affected. Break was reported at 12:40 and water was restored by 7:30 AM next morning.
- Future agenda items: adding agenda items to meeting agendas and review public session guidelines

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board