

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of February 8, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux and Michael Tomaiolo

Zoom: Arden Sonnenberg

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

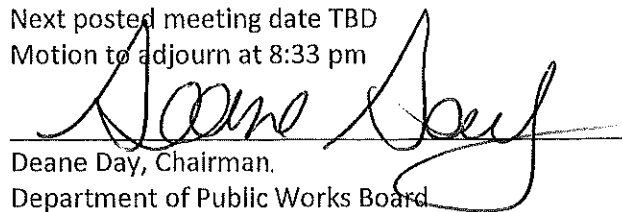
Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of January 25, 2022: A discussion was had surrounding the 68 Heywood item, and weather to modify the minutes. Ultimately it was decided to make no changes. Deane Day made a motion to approve the minutes and Blaine Bershad seconded, Andrew Parker abstained as he was not present on 1/25/2022. Motion passed 2-0

Public Session: Mr. Parker shared two complementary comments towards the DPW. One resident stated that the road condition after storms are better than ever. The other caller liked the way the DPW was operating and liked the direction it was heading.

- Public Session Guidelines- After a short discussion Mr. Parker made a motion to accept the new guidelines as presented at the meeting, Mr. Bershad 2<sup>nd</sup> vote 3-0
- Setting Agenda Items – suggestions included brief description, adding times to agenda (when topics will be discussed), inputs from board members, review items with the Chairman of Board before the Superintendent finalizes the agenda.
- 40 X 60 Cold Storage Building- Mr. Mouradian suggested to push to next year's budget. Will give more time to research, discuss and obtain a more accurate pricing guide. It was decided to pursue on the current fiscal cycle. Pricing estimated were discussed. A budget number will be presented to the town accountant.
- Existing Mueller Water meters that currently read using a 3G cellular system will no longer be able to be read as of February 22<sup>nd</sup> when AT&T drops their 3G network. The Water department will have to read the meters via drive by using hand held devices to obtain the readings for future billing cycles.
- Project Update:
  - Lead & Copper violation- continuing to inform public- BOH meeting, TV and Town website
  - New DPW Facility – presentation in March from Western & Sampson
  - Select Board selected Western & Sampson to design downtown- sidewalks- Bird and Maple Street.
  - 22 snow events this far this season
- Suggestions from the Board: Logs for plow drivers to track problems around their routes. GIS systems in trucks- locating basins and record data for roads.
- Ken Sherman is ready to start working for the DPW – February 14, 2022
- Future agenda items: Crowley Road for water source and what steps need to be taken to allow future DPW Board meetings to be televised.

Next posted meeting date TBD  
Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm

  
Deane Day, Chairman.  
Department of Public Works Board