

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of April 12, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Michael Tomaiolo, David Rembetsy, Geoff Donohue

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Public Session: Andrew Parker was able to observed the roadside mower in action and believes it was a great purchase and will pay for itself.

- Vote to support annual town meeting warrant articles are as follows:
  - **Article 7-Snow and Ice Deficit**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written  
Deane seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 13-Roadwork warrant article working change**  
~~Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written~~  
Deane seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 17-Water Operating Budget**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written  
Andrew seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 18-Water Meter Replacement**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written  
Deane seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 19-Crowley Road Source**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written  
Andrew seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 20-Water Corrosion Updates**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article changing \$5,000 to \$50,000  
Deane seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 21-Water Main Replacement**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written  
Andrew seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 22-Town Capital Plan (inclusive of DPW items)-transfers from free cash**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article inclusive of DPW items  
Andrew seconded  
Motion passed 3-0
  - **Article 23-Town Capital Plan (inclusive of DPW items)-transfers from capital fund**  
Blaine made the motion to accept the article inclusive of DPW items  
Andrew seconded  
Motion passed 3-0

- **Article 26-Stormwater Bylaw change**

Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written

Deane seconded

Motion passed 3-0

- **Article 31-Municipal Lien State Law Adoption**

Blaine made the motion to accept the article as written

Andrew seconded

Motion passed 3-0

- **DPW Superintendent six-month review and compensation**

All three board members agreed that Mr. Mouradian has made great strides on improving the image of the DPW. They greatly appreciated Mr. Mouradian budget process and added that Ryan has brought professionalism and a lot of transparency to the department. Ryan has exceeded their expectations. Andrew made a motion to give Mr. Mouradian a 3% performance based increase. Blaine seconded. Motion passed 3-0, but Mr. Bershad was in favor of a larger increase. Mr. Mouradian thanked the board for their kind words. Its rewarding hearing positive feedback from them and the public that the DPW is making difference in the community.

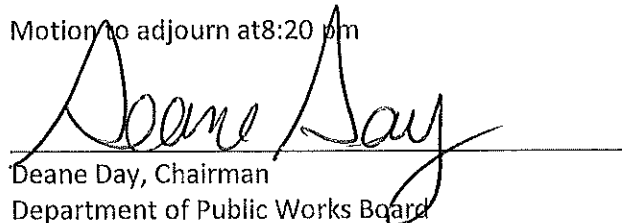
- **Public Works Sign-** A discussion to move the sign closer to the road lead everyone to believe that more investigation was needed.
- **Redstone ballfields parking-** Some kind of organized parking is needed. Deane suggested removing trees on Route 62 side to create more parking. Andrew suggested doing changes in stages and revisiting in the fall. Need to eliminate parking in cemetery.
- **Trash & Recycling Contract-**Blaine requested that our Town counsel review the language for clarity before bringing back to the board.

- **Project Update:**

- DPW started street sweeping
  - Crack seal bid opening April 14, 2022.
  - Brush Dump opens on Saturdays for 6 weeks 8 AM to Noon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mechanic position up on website
  - Spring Clean-up April 16 – pick up bags on Tues., April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - DPW has been working on fixing basins and patching as needed
  - Water department to begin hydrant flushing
  - Truck #7 awaiting parts
- **Superintendent update-** Winter assistance recovery program awarding Sterling \$282,155.00 and Chp.90 money available \$577,691. and another \$408,377 coming in July, along with money requested from the Spring Town meeting will give us 1.65 million dollars for road work.  
Water dept. attended New England Water Works at DCU  
Drone flying over Oak Hill and Hillside cemeteries to help map out lots  
DPW open house Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - helmets, coloring pages, crayons

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm

  
Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board