

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of April 26, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy, R.D. Mapp and Olivia Rego

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Deane Day made a motion to accept the March 22nd minutes, Blaine Bershad seconded – passed 3-0
Deane Day made a motion to accept the April 12th minutes, Blaine Bershad seconded –passed 3-0

Public Session: Roseanne Mapp wanted to thank the DPW for all their help that they provided to help make the town wide clean-up a success. She will also be writing to the Sterling Meeting House News to thank everyone who helped with the Town Clean-up.

Road repairs and the narrowing of Meetinghouse Road and Taft Road were discussed.

- Non-resident cemetery lot sale- Three handouts were provided: Cemetery Rules and Regulations, sale of lot form and map of Hillside. Blaine Bershad made a motion to allow Olivia Rego to purchase the lot 81 Section H which is next to her brother. Deane Day seconded, the motion passed 3-0
- A field trip to the DPW parking lot to determine where the best place to move the DPW sign to was taken. After a brief discussion Deane Day made a motion to move the sign to the grass area adjacent to the utility pole and fire hydrant. Andrew seconded motion passed 3-0. Mr. Mouradian noted that the DPW still needed to get permit from MADOT.
- 2021 Water Annual Statistical Report is due in the middle of April. The town of Sterling produced 188,749,200 gallons of water. The highest month was June producing 22,311,600 gallons. Total water billed for this period was 137 million dollars, leaving us with a 25.3 % deficit. Some of this loss is due to hydrant flushing, Fire department training, water main breaks, meter error, water theft and street cleaning. Reporting in the past practices has also contributed to this number. Commercial, agricultural, industrial and municipality use were counted in residential figures and then again counted separately. The Water department along with Mr. Mouradian are dedicated to reducing the percentage. The target number is 10 %. It is important to realize this percentage does not reduce the water budget or have an impact on water rates. Mr. Mouradian felt it was best to bring this to the attention of the DPW Board. Andrew Parker stated that it appears that the water department is monitoring more thoroughly and tracking more actually to chip away at the number.
- Johnson Road and Redemption Rock Trail intersection- before making a final decision on the best solution to address the dangers of the intersection and speed on this road a suggestion was made to place blinking barrels in order to deter speeding.
- Meetinghouse Hill Road and Main Street intersection- Mr. Mouradian believes the alignment of road is proper and suggested flexible delineators post be used to mark the green section off. Board members agreed that there is a need to work with the Police department to step up enforcing no parking policy to close to the intersection.
- Trash and Recycling contract is with KP Law. Waiting for clarity in wording of contract for the DPW Board to review.
- Project & Superintendent's Update:
 - DPW street sweeping continuing

- o Beginning road side mowing
- o Brush Dump opens on Saturdays for 6 weeks 8 AM to Noon
- o DPW Open House Saturday, April 30th
- o Truck #7 finished waiting for transportation
- o Water department to begin hydrant flushing

Superintendent update- Open house – Hard hats, popcorn, coloring pages and crayons and water will be available.

Two new doors for DPW building- one installed, the other waiting for warmer day.

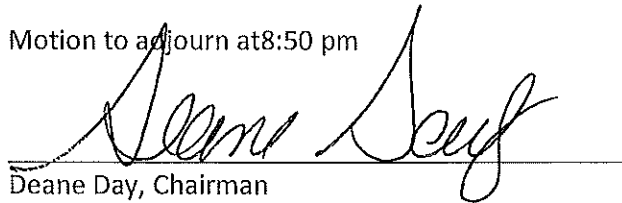
Fobs coming upon completion

Indus sealing awarded contract- winning bid \$110,000.

Grant money for downtown revitalization needs direction and each department communicating and working together before money can be spent.

Next posted meeting date TBD

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deane Day", is written over a horizontal line.

Deane Day, Chairman

Department of Public Works Board