

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

Minutes of March 8, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, Michael Tomaiolo, David Rembetsy, Richard Maki and Irene Congdon
Zoom: Kathi Mirza

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of February 8, 2022-Blaine Bershad made a motion to approve the minutes and Andrew Parker seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Public Session: No comments

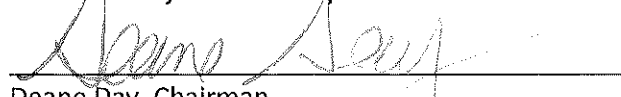
- First Televised DPW Board Meeting
- Two representatives, Irene Congdon and Kathi Mirza from MassDEP were present to answer questions pertaining to trash and recycling. Educating the public is the key to a successful recycling program. It was stated that the Recycling Dividends Program funds can be used to help cover the cost of containers, literature and other media forums. The MassDEP also provides workshops that help municipalities explore fair and transparent recycling contracts and the cost and processing of recyclables and other informative programs can be viewed via zoom.
- Cemetery Rules and Regulations –Updates to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations were approved by the Board. Blaine Bershad made the motion to accept the new rates and Andrew Parker 2nd - the motion passed 3-0. The new rates are needed to cover the DPW cost for the time and equipment used to prepare for a burial. A cost analysis was used to determine the new rates, which can be viewed on the DPW Website.
- Route 62 & 140 TIP Project Update- MADOT assigned the project a project number, which is the next step in the TIP process.
- Daniel Armstrong is our newest addition to the DPW as a driver/laborer. He brings 14 years of experience working for a DPW and has a Class A CDL license and a Hoisting Engineer License 2B.
- Project Update:
 - New DPW Facility Presentation scheduled on March 22nd
 - 28 snow events this far this season
 - Adding 10 miles of road to MADOT database will increase Chapter 90 funding by about \$25,000.
 - DPW has been working to clean and rebuild catch basins as needed
 - Deane Day stated that he was grateful for Mr. Mouradian's effort and knowledge of the Town's budget process.

Mr. Mouradian thanked the board for their support at the March 5th joint Finance Committee/Capital Committee/Select Board Meeting.

Next posted meeting date TBD

A short break was taken 8:24 to 8:28pm

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board