

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

July 12, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Blaine Bershad made a motion to pass minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 14, 2022 as written

Andrew Parker seconded

Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: No one spoke

- Dana Hill & Redemption Rock Trail Traffic Light Timing- hand outs were made available from Joseph Frawley (DOT):
  - Split phasing would allow a protected left turn movement from Dana Hill Road. Using split phasing would reduce the level of service and efficiency based on the numbers. One problem is that the intersection is not wide enough at this time to accommodate implementing a left turn signal. The best way to address the needs at the intersection is to start over and reconstruct the entire intersection which will be costly to the town.
  - Mr. Frawley recommended leaving the intersection as is. After a brief discussion it was suggested to check that the loop detectors were working properly and to make no changes at this time.
- Casella will be targeting the first pick-up using the new trash program on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A route would be picked up the old way for example on Tuesday and they would get their new totes on Wednesday. There will also be instructions attached to the totes. Casella plans on attending the Sterling Fair ( Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>) to answer questions. The town will also run a video on SLCTV and embed on website. The most common questions are as follows:
  1. What prompted this change?
  2. This change seems like it will only benefit Casella, what is Sterling's benefit?
  3. Why can't I dispose of additional trash that does not fit in my tote curbside, even at fee?
  4. What do I do with my old trash and recycling bins?
  5. What do I do if I have extra trash or recycling for the week?
  6. Why is my recycling tote bigger than my trash tote?
  7. Aren't these totes heavy and going to make it difficult to move?
  8. Is my trash pickup schedule changing or will it be picked up on the same day?

DPW will likely be at two Select Board meetings, one in July and one closer to the start of the program. Casella will also be helping the Town with subsidized pricing on the totes through State grant programs. More information to come.

- City of Leominster Water Management Act Grant- the City of Leominster and the Town of Clinton are working on interconnection plan. The Town of Clinton does not have a backup plan, which means they cannot do maintenance on their treatment plant. The purpose of this study is so Clinton will


have emergency backup system with Leominster. Mr. Sterling was asked if we wanted to participate in the study as Sterling has connection on the line in question. The study was performed at no cost to Sterling. A large pump station would be required if Sterling ever wanted to connect to the line between Leominster and Clinton as an emergency interconnection.

- A business approached Mr. Mouradian to paint a crosswalk. Ryan thought the business should have a study completed before coming in front of DPW Board. Mr. Bershad stated that every case is different. Mr. Parker added and the other members agreed that it is the Board's responsibility is to listen to the concerns of the residents, but that ultimately the resident would need to pay for the study.
- Project & Superintendent's Update:
  - Crack seal almost complete
  - Screened Beach sand with new screens – 20 loads delivered to the beach, a lot less stones
  - Replaced floats for the beach raft with the help of the Fire Department
  - Paving Kendall Hill Road and Clinton Road @ Chocksett Road project signed and awaiting Lazoro schedule for paving
  - Crowely Road test well work signed contract testing to begin Aug/Sept
  - Campground Water Main Replacement- working on small details prior to bid package
  - Redstone Water Main Replacement- design contract signed late fall start and continuing into Spring
  - Surplus Auction-numerous items sold:

Chain saw	\$ 100.00
Landscape Trailer	1,800.00
Leaf Vac	2,450.00
Hydraulic Sander	1,400.00
Gas powered Sander	1,350.00
  - Andy the new mechanic is a great addition to the DPW Crew
  - Water Bills went out July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Water Ban- Odd –Even basis – posted on DPW Website
  - Route 62 to building at Hillside Cemetery- leak in water service, will re-configure service to come from within cemetery
  - Truck 7 told will be ready at the end of the week
  - Equipment trailer- will have check on July 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Quotes for Truck 6 re-frame due back 7-22-22
  - Fairbanks closed until Friday- repairing road above culverts

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD

  
Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board