

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

August 9, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Mike Tomaiolo, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy, Richard Maki, Laura Ricci, and Larry Favreau

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Blaine Bershad made a motion to pass minutes of July 26<sup>h</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> as written

Andrew Parker seconded

Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: Laura Ricci stated her concerns that trash pick-up has been delayed the last couple of weeks. Mr. Mouradian said he would check into on Wednesday morning.

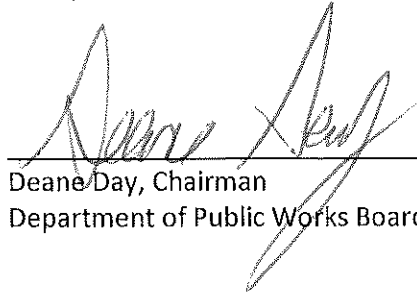
- Traffic Light – Dana Hill & Redemption Rock Trail- Laura Ricci would like the Board to address two concerns: Addressing the light is too short and how long do the back-up batteries last. MADOT analyzed the existing program for Sterling and recommended that no changes be made to the timing without an updated traffic study or significant traffic signal improvements. The DPW Board agreed with Mr. Mouradian to address the traffic light issues in the FY24 budget. It was explained to Ms. Ricci that there is a process that needs to be followed and that simply changing the timing was not an option for safety reasons.
- Year to Date Financials- Reports were provided to the Board for their review.
- Water Drought Status/Use Restriction- After reviewing a hand out from MA-Drought- Management, the Board decided Mr. Mouradian to use the Code Red to remind residents to water use water odd /even days. Not to use water between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM. Water restrictions can also be found on the Town of Sterling Website.
- Trash & Recycling Implementation- A letter was written for the Sterling Residents for the Board to review before mailing to all residents. The letter was to inform residents of the upcoming changes for curbside trash pick-up. Each Sterling individual household will receive one 65-gallon wheeled cart for solid waste and one 96-gallon wheeled cart for single-streamed recycling. The solid waste cart will have a black lid marked "trash" and the recycling cart will have a light blue lid marked, "Zero-Sort recycling". You will no longer need to separate your recyclable materials into plastic, glass, metal, paper or cardboard. Trash will be continue to be collected weekly and Zero-Sort recycling will be collected every other week. Please visit [www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org) for more information on what can be recycled and what cannot. Your collection day will remain the same and a new calendar will be provided with new carts. Carts will still have to be placed at curbside by 7 AM. There was also a short video that was viewed giving instructions on what to recycle and how to place your carts at curbside.
- Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:
  - Pictures of the New Truck 7 were provided and old Truck 7 is going up for auction
  - Rte 140/62 intersection 25% design phase under way
  - Corrosion Study – Stantec signed contract
  - Crowely Road Source test well drilling scheduled
  - Lazaro Paving Co. won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Paving Bid
  - Month of August – Inspections for vehicles
  - Flashing stop signs- Beaman Rd, Ordered 8-10 lead time for delivery
  - Bartlett insurance – New guard rail on Chase Hill near Kendall Hill

Future Agenda items:

- Sterling Fair Committee
- Trash & Recycling Updates

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



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Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board