

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

September 13, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Mike Tomaiolo, Susan Genereux, Richard Maki, David Smith, Laura Ricci, Sara Petullo, Becky Moisan, Lisa McDowell, Myrita McDowell, Garth Coleman, Laura Alzapiedi, Doug Hanchett, Chad Peterson and Melanie Scott.
Zoom: Carlton Toshiba, Cathryn Joseflak, Christine, David Jolie, Richard Deforia and many others.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Blaine Bershad made a motion to pass minutes of August 23rd as written
Andrew Parker seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: Laura Ricci wanted to thank everyone who helped to address the issues with the traffic light at the intersection of Route 140 and Dana Hill.

Trash & Recycling Implementation

- A number of Sterling residents attended the DPW Board Meeting to voice their concerns of the new trash program. Casella driving on private roads, size of bins, extra trash, every other week pick-up for recycling, receiving damaged totes, medical considerations and disposing of old recycling bins were topics of discussions. Winter trash schedule- having to bring trash to end of driveways during storms create hazardous conditions.
- A Town By-Law prevents the Town to charge residents for trash pick-up which prohibits the purchasing of overflow bags or providing extra totes was also a topic discussed.
- Trash pick-up provided for 3-familys or less, This regulation has not changed, but there was not a master list to go by so 4 families and commercial properties trash was being picked up. This new program has uncovered these discrepancies. Some homes pick up days have changed to facilitate a more efficient program.
- DPW Board listened to all the concerns and noted that surrounding towns have similar programs that work fine and that this new program will have a learning curve. The DPW will work with residents to iron out problems that arise in the coming months. David Smith, a Select Board Member commended The DPW for the job they are doing to implement this program, noting that change is not easy.
- A reminder for Sterling Residents: 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 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.

Clinton Road at Chocksett Road Pavement Treatment- 1. The plan is to mill off between 5 and 6 inches depending on breakthrough. 2. Uniform tack coat over milled surface. 3. Pour 3" of 19.5mm intermediate course. 4. Pour 2" -3" of 12.5mm top course.

Water Rules and Regulations- Handed out copies of Water Rules and Regulations for the DPW Board to review.

Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

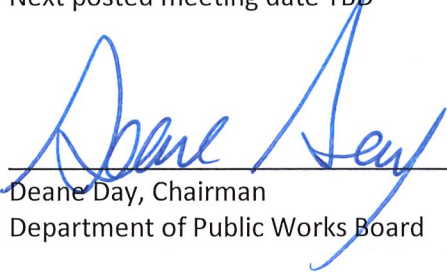
- Rte 140/62 intersection retention pond was installed when the MassDot bridge replacement project. The bridge project allowed MassDot to bypass permitting but the pond will not be an issue moving forward.
- Lazaro coming in Monday to begin work on Kendall Hill Road- partial road closing until work is completed
- Flashing Stop Signs were delivered and installed
- Truck 18 is no longer available in red. White 350 double cab 6 ½ foot bed or single cab 8' bed bill date 01/23/23
- Line painting to begin – Kendall Hill Road, Main Street and Osgood Road will not be completed until after paving.
- DPW replacing drain pipes on Kendall Hill Road
- Sterling Fair grateful for DPW help and volunteers at dunk tank
- New safety wear has arrived- shirts, jackets and vests
- Work in process FY2024 budget –Capital program
- Proactive to get fleet ready for winter
- Brush Dump will open 8 AM to Noon each Saturday starting October 15th to November 19th.

Future Agenda items:

- Water Rules and Regulations update
- Trash & Recycling Updates

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman

Department of Public Works Board