

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

September 27, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi Susan Genereux, Richard Maki, Kyle Orr and and Laura Ricci,

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Public Session: No one spoke

Trash & Recycling Updates

- Presented a drafted Medical Exemption Policy- does not include medical waste, annually updated: Blaine Bershad made a motion to accept Medical Exemption Policy as written, Andrew Parker seconded- motion passed 3-0.
- Saturday, October 15th 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM- Tote take back day – made available to residents to drop off unwanted empty totes.
- Roll out of totes 99% completed- ran out of totes – unforeseen supplying multi-families. New totes will be arriving 6 to 8 weeks. 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 and the DPW is working through this issue. Thanks to Jim Simpson for the help communicating with residents on Jill Lane and Riverview. Some homes pick up days have changed to facilitate a more efficient program.
- Casella has mailed out calendars and can also be found on the DPW 's website. On the back of the Calendars that were mailed out list the day of pick-up and whether it is an "A" or "B" recycle week.
- At this time there is no option for changing the size of the totes. The Senior Center has started a Bin Buddy Sharing Program. Kyle Orr a representative from Casella stated that most other towns do not provide smaller totes. Town would pay for a trailer load of totes and would take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. Andrew Parker requested to table this and revisit two 32 gallons in a month. The Town is only two days into new program. All DPW Board members were in agreement.
Other issues that have come up are that the totes are being put out backwards and there were some places that the totes were piled because several homes putting totes at the end of road.
- DPW Board wants to be updated of all the concerns and the DPW will continue to work with residents to iron out problems that arise in the coming months.
- A reminder for Sterling Residents - 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. Carts will still have to be placed at curbside by 7 AM.

Water Rules and Regulations

The DPW Board has reviewed copies of a draft of Water Rules and Regulations and will continue to discuss and work through new policies and rates. These new rules and regulations will ensure that certain standards are met with all contractors. The need to review water fees was also addressed. The Water Department needs to cover cost for extra maintenance and extra water usage.

Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Plan

A handout of a schedule of DPW vehicle Replacement Plan was available for all. This list will change as things come up, but a tentative plan is needed to maintain the fleet and prepare future budgets.

- Truck #8 - needs a new body
- Truck #5 – needs to be replaced
- Truck #19 modifications for sub-frame in shop right now
- \$3,000.00 to undercoat Trucks #1,3, 4 ,8, 19, 33 and 37.
- There is a need of a tool truck to transport tools, ladders and equipment to work sites

Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

- Rte 140/62 intersection – updated design is underway
- Lazaro plan to start work on Kendall Hill Road and Osgood after Columbus Day and complete by mid- November. Residents will be notified of updates as work progresses.
- Truck 6 purchasing parts Spring completion
- Truck 18 is no longer available in red. White 3500 double cab 6 ½ foot bed or single cab 8' bed bill date 01/23/23
- Line painting complete - coming back to finish Greenland, Kendall Hill, Osgood, section of Clinton and Chocksett Road
- Pre-paving work for Kendall Hill Road complete and moving onto Osgood Road
- In the process of applying for a grant through DCR for flexible snow plowing blades- hope to outfit 5 trucks this winter
- A reminder 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 9:16 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board