

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

November 22, 2022

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

Zoom: No One

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Mr. Bershad made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 25th and November 9th as written.

Mr. Parker seconded

Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: No one spoke

Trash & Recycling Implementation

- Mr. Mouradian presented to the Board, a plan to help the residents of Sterling with trash overflow due to the holidays. The DPW would rent a 40 yard dumpster on December 27th, 28th and the 29th for bagged trash. The DPW website would be where residents will be able to check times and dates. The money would come from the trash fund to cover these costs.

Mr. Parker made a motion to move forward on investigating getting a dumpster for both trash and recycling.

Mr. Day seconded

Motion passed 3-0

- Just a reminder if anyone has a question on what is recyclable please visit www.recyclesmartma.org for more information. Carts will still have to be placed at curbside by 7 AM each morning.

FY'24 Capital Budget

Mr. Mouradian updated the Board to the changes that were made to the final Capital Budget Plan which will be presented to the Select Board and the Finance Committee. At the November 9th meeting the Board was presented with a preliminary Five Year Capital Budget Plan which was discussed in great length. The DPW side added pricing for truck # 9 and #5. A clarification was made that money from the sale of lots from the Cemetery will be made available to purchase equipment to maintain the cemeteries.

The Water Updates:

Borrowing for water main replacement takes place every other year. Instead of asking for \$650,000 every year we will be asking for 1.3 million every other.

Truck #27 quote is \$80,000 plus another \$10,000 for the plow

West Sterling Well is in need of electrical updates as it was built in the 80's.

Generator maintenance and New Water Source Development was also discussed.

Mr. Bershad made a motion to accept budget and to move forward

Mr. Day seconded

Passed 3-0

Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

- Lazaro continues to work on Osgood Road, Beaman Road and Kendall Hill Road- partial road closing until work is completed.
- Line painting to be completed when paving is complete

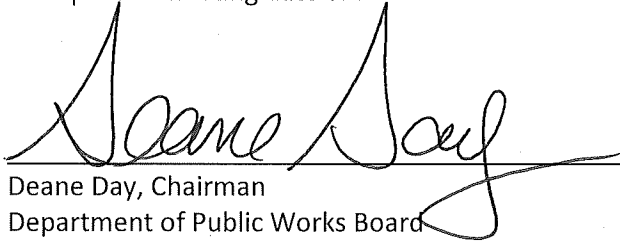
- First shipment of water meter transmitters have arrived and training is scheduled for December 13th. Hopeful to begin installing middle of January, targeting accounts not neighborhoods.
- Crowley Road- pump testing ongoing- yielded half of what was anticipated. Pumping 103 to 140 gal/min vs the 300 gal/min they were hoping for. Creating a Well Field (anything over 2 wells) the 3 wells will work simultaneously.
- Campground Water Main Replacement- a joint meeting with their Board on November 30th to discuss service responsibility and moving mains into the street.
- Redstone Water Main Replacement- Conservation permitting underway.
- 1st Snow and Ice event
- New plow blades have been delivered
- Sand and salt mix for residents under video surveillance
- Brush dump closed for the season
- Canceling the December 27th DPW Board Meeting.
- Mr. Parker noted concerns of ice build-up at Pratts Junction
- Mr. Day wanted to voice his concerns that people are still parking on the sidewalks downtown even though the winter parking ban is in effect.
- Mr. Gerardi – great year- 3 fully staffed crews working really well together. Dave and Andy are stepping up.
- Water Department completed flushing.

Future Agenda items:

- Trash & Recycling Updates
- Water Rates
- GIS System

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board