

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

February 14, 2023

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

Zoom: No one spoke

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Mr. Bershad made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mr. Parker seconded  
Motion passed 3-0

Mr. Bershad made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mr. Day seconded  
Mr. Parker abstained  
Motion passed 2-0

Public Session: No one spoke

#### 261 Leominster Road- Water Issue

- Tony Zahariadis of the Black Sheep Restaurant came to the meeting to address ongoing water issues. A decision was made after a lengthy discussion that Mr. Zahariadis would come back at a later date. Mr. Zahariadis has plans which he will share with the Board, the DPW Superintendent and the Building Commissioner to help find a solution to his drainage issues.

#### Year to Date Budget Report

- Four budget reports through Warrant #17 were provided to the Board for their review.
- The DPW and Other Expenses budget are on track. Street Lights, Trash & Recycle Collections and Regional Recycling make up Other Expenses.
- Snow & Ice budget- 13 snow & ice events. Cost of salt alone is \$103,570.59, leaving 15.1% of budget remaining.
- The Water Budget is creeping closer to being in good financial shape.
- Board members are grateful that Mr. Mouradian has provided detailed information to them. It is a refreshing change to be given up-to-date information, so they can make more informed decisions toward the future of the DPW.

#### Annual Town Report submission

- Mr. Mouradian supplied the Board with a comprehensive DPW Annual Report. This hand-out will be reviewed by the Board. The annual report's deadline to be sent to the Town Clerk's Office is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Trash & Recycling Implementation

- Graphs were provided comparing the trash and recycling tonnage from FY'22 and FY'23.
- The Superintendent will keep the Board informed on a monthly basis.
- Just a reminder if anyone has a question on what is recyclable please visit [www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org). for more information. Carts will still need to be placed at curbside by 7A each morning.

### Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

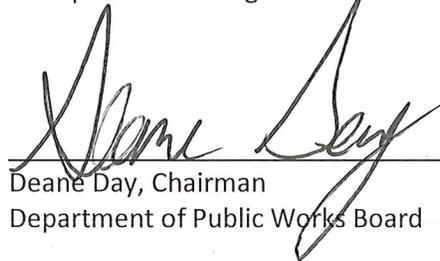
- Presentation coming in future months to discuss Route 140 and Route 62 Intersection
- Scheduled road work - target areas Dana Hill, Boutelle Road, Lower Meetinghouse Hill Road and Pratts Junction Road but addressing drainage issues.
- 13 Snow & Ice Events
- Continuing tree work and clean-up
- Hitting some obstacles with Campground Water Main Replacement but will discuss at future meeting.
- Preparing for downtown line painting to start up in May
- Redstone Water Main Replacement going out to bid February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Finance Committee sending proposed DPW Budget onto Spring Town Meeting for approval

### Future Agenda items:

- Campground project
- Water Rates
- Black Sheep

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



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Deane Day, Chairman  
Department of Public Works Board