

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

March 28, 2023

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Michael Tomaiolo, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy, Richard Maki, R.D. Mapp, Dennis Vertiyev and Alex Tsoukalas
Zoom: Richard Traina

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Mr. Bershad made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 14th as written
Mr. Parker seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: A resident wanted to thank the DPW for the job they did on the clean-up of the last storm. It was also noted the safety concerns of a large pile of snow built up across from Emma's Café. Painting actual parking spaces will aid in eliminating cars parking illegally around the common, making it safer for pedestrians to cross the road. Also as a reminder the Town Clean-UP is scheduled for April 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Route 62 & 140 Project Update- Green International Affiliates

- o Dennis Vertiyev and Alex Tsoukalas from Green International presented proposals to make Route 62 and 140 intersection safer. Handouts were also made available. Solutions discussed were a circular roundabout and several peanut roundabout options. More discussion is needed. Mr. Bershad suggested putting the presentation on line. Next deadline for updated design is August 2023.

A short recess – meeting resumed at 8:05 PM

261 Leominster Road – Water Issue

- o Mr. Mouradian stated that this project was in the investigation phase. Updates and options will follow. Owner from Black Sheep was unavailable.

Campground Water Main Update

- o Plan is to move Water mains to the street. An option is to use a betterment to help pay for hook-up costs for resident that need extensions of piping. An example would be on a \$3,000 hook up, it would cost \$37.00 on quarterly tax bills over a 20 year period. A second option is to have the Association to contract their own workers.

A short delay to reset zoom- meeting resumed at 8:27

Water Rates Discussion

- o Gave hand-outs that provided surrounding town's rates and it was noted that water rates have not changed since 2018. The Board was asked to review this information for further discussion and also requires a town hearing. Need to fund \$1.6 Million worth of work for the Water Department. This does not affect residents using wells.

Trash & Recycling Implementation

- o There were no updates, but Mr. Bershad asked to verify cost and usage from Casella.
- o Just a reminder if anyone has a question on what is recyclable please visit www.recyclesmartma.org. for more information. Carts will still need to be placed at curbside by 7AM each morning.

Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

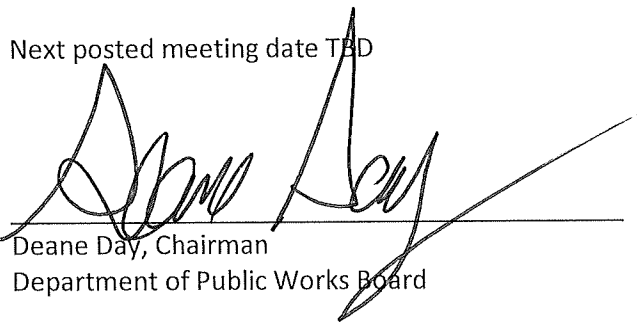
- All projects moving forward gearing up for the spring paving season. Completed geoprobes evaluating pavement treatments. No binder found on Pratts Junction in pavement cored, next step is to test soil.
- Rte 62 going to mill to Foster, Rte 140 is going to be recycled and then topped.
- 20 Snow & Ice Events – 2,447 tons of salt. 1,000 tons less than last year
- Continuing tree work and clean-up- Heywood Road 3 days branch cleaning
- Reminder Town Clean-Up April 22nd
- May 6th DPW Open House
- Preparing for downtown line painting to start up in May
- Redstone Water Main Replacement – our main will be live while work is being done
- Corrosion Control Study- using a Consultant to process permit
- Route 140 & Dana Hill traffic study completed

Future Agenda items:

- Water Rates
- 261 Leominster Road water issue

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board