

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

April 25, 2023

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Michael Tomaiolo, Susan Genereux , David Rembetsy, Richard Maki, Richard Hautaniemi, , Joseph King, Laura Ricci, Sue Valentine, Barbara and Tom
Zoom: No One

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 March 28th as written
Mr. Parker seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 11th as written
Mr. Bershad seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: Laura Ricci voiced her concerns about parking on Boutelle Road when school is dismissed. She requested a "No Parking" sign to be placed after the flashing light. Mr. Mouradian stated that he has a scheduled meeting with the Police Chief and the Principal of Houghton School the following week to discuss this matter. Sue Valentine, who in the audience, stated that the Town of Sterling has received grant money – "Safe to Schools" pick up and drop off to have a study completed. The Chocksett School Principal also sent a message home requesting parents to come from one direction down Boutelle Road past the Chocksett School into the Houghton School driveway.

East Lake Waushacum Association

- Members of the lake association in attendance to advocate for additional drainage on Swett Hill Road using plans already designed. Mr. Mouradian will contact the designers Whitman and Bingham to re-open this project.

261 Leominster Road – Water Issues

- Tony Zahariadis provided plans for work that was completed in 2015 in an attempt to alleviate the water issues. It was determined that there is likely an issue with the installed distribution-box. Mr. Zahariadis will fix this issue and report back at the 5/23 board meeting. This will help but Mr. Mouradian and the DPW Board will continue to work with Mr. Zahariadis to resolve this issue.

Water Rate Discussion

- Handouts were made available showing High usage and low usage- helpful to discuss how to structure rates. Residential vs Commercial rates were also discussed, but the discussion will be continued in future meetings.

Trash & Recycling Implementation

- March bill has not been received. Last audit showed 13% contamination- contributing factors are spring clean-ups. People not having enough room for trash adding overflow to recycling bins.
- 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.

2008 AWD International sander

- DPW is hopeful to purchase this vehicle. It was offered to the DPW from another town. The truck can be used for plow/wing/sander and only has 30,000 Miles. The cost is \$9,999. Mr. Bershad made a motion to purchase the 2008 AWD International Sander
Mr. Parker seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Project Updates and Superintendent's Update:

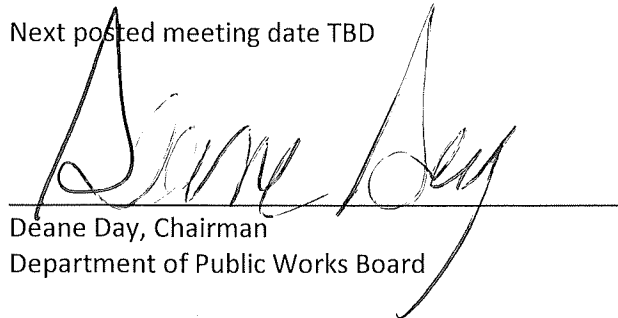
- Road work – Route 140- 4 days edging and 2 days tree work
- Last meeting in May consultant coming in for a presentation on downtown stormwater
- Crowley Road Source- shifting to a series of smaller wells instead of one production well.
- Town Clean-up best turn out ever – 95 % of Sterling roads cleaned
- Brush and Leaf open 8 AM to Noon Saturdays at sand pit off George Peeso
- May 6th DPW Open House

Future Agenda items:

- Water Rates
- Next round of pavement management plan

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Deane Day, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board