

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
171 Worcester Rd
Sterling, MA

August 8, 2023

Present: Andrew Parker, Blaine Bershad, Deane Day, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Michael Tomaiolo, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy and R.D. Mapp

Zoom: No One

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Andrew Parker, Blaine Bershad, and Deane Day present

After a short discussion, Mr. Bershad made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 11th as written
Mr. Day seconded
Motion passed 3-0

Public Session: A citizen was thankful for the paving of Meetinghouse Hill Road and requested stones to be placed along the side of Taft Road. Also there was a discussion of the upcoming Zip Trip to the Town of Sterling that will be airing on Channel 25 News.

Proposed 5 year capital pavement plan

Mr. Bershad requested that the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to be listed next to the schedule. This would allow the residence to view the conditions of all the roads in town. Last year the bids were based on the road work being completed. This year bids will be based on gallons allowing for more accurate pricing. Discussion was shorten so the Public Hearing could take place. The length of road repair needed and the DPW support is a consideration when choosing roads to be repaired. Greenland road has been delayed until research can be done to get a more accurate account of the work needed to do the repairs correctly. Mr. Day expressed concerns of full depth reclamation of pavement- the process of pulverizing all layers of existing asphalt. An example that was used is Ridgewood where there is only a sand and clay base. Sandy Ridge was is another road that will be costly to repair.

Public Hearing –Began at 7:18 PM.

- The Tree Warden, Mr. Mouradian made a motion to open the Public Hearing to remove a tree at 17 Mortimer Road.
- The Public Hearing was closed shortly afterwards due to no one was there to speak in regards to the tree removal.
- The Town of Sterling has a by-law for Scenic Roads, which includes Mortimer Road. This falls under the Planning Board working with the Tree Warden. Mr. Parker, the chairman of the board asked Mr. Mouradian and the other Board members to express their opinions of the tree removal. All three agreed the tree should come down. Mr. Parker then requested that a motion be made to endorse removing this tree.
- Mr. Bershad seconded the motion.
Motion passed 3-0
- The discussion of the 5 year capital pavement plan continued.

Water Audit Grant and Water Management Act Grant Reports

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Wide Area Mower

- A hand out was provided – The Z Master 7500-D 144"
- Features: A Turbo-Diesel engine delivers 43.4hp and is kept cool by twin-reversing fans that help keep the rear screen clean and the air flowing. 144" wing deck cutting system that quickly

and easily folds up to only 83" which is small enough to fit most trailers. All Board members were impressed with the machine and believes it will pay for itself.

Project Updates:

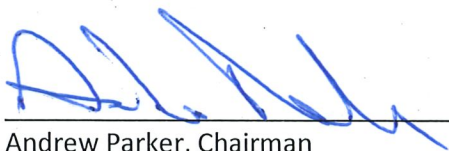
- Route 62 & Meetinghouse - Line painting complete, rain has delayed line painting of Route 140. Edging still needed on Meetinghouse Hill Road. Justice Hill Road Cut-off beginning August 8th.
- Project out to bid for Complete Streets Grant- Maple Street Sidewalks.
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Future Agenda items:

- 5 to 10 year Paving Management Plan
- GIS System
- Next DPW meeting is August 8th

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM

Next posted meeting date TBD



Andrew Parker, Chairman
Department of Public Works Board