

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
171 Worcester Rd  
Sterling, MA

Minutes of March 22, 2022

Present: Deane Day, Blaine Bershad, Andrew Parker, Ryan Mouradian, Paul Gerardi, Susan Genereux, David Rembetsy, Richard Maki, Della Donahue, Mike Richard, Michael Flanagan, Arden Sonnenberg and L.R. Favreau

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Deane Day, Blaine Bershad and Andrew Parker present

Minutes of March 8, 2022-Blaine Bershad made a motion to approve the minutes and Deane Day seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Public Session: Mr. Flanagan voiced his concerns of speeding vehicles on Johnson Road. He feels that the intersection allows vehicles to speed onto the road off of 140 and requests the DPW look at modifying the intersection to slow vehicles down.

Arden Sonnenberg expressed her appreciation that the DPW Board Meetings are now televised.

Larry Favreau stated there was a need for 2 dead trees to be removed at 95 Redstone Hill. He also inquired if Kendall Hill Road was slated to be repaired or paved.

- Weston & Sampson made a presentation for a new DPW Facility. A new facility would streamline the DPW operations. It would also add needed space for the Administration, Water, Highway\Parks\Cemetery, Fleet Maintenance and Facilities. Other concerns addressed were to replace the fifty year old salt building and having designated storage areas.

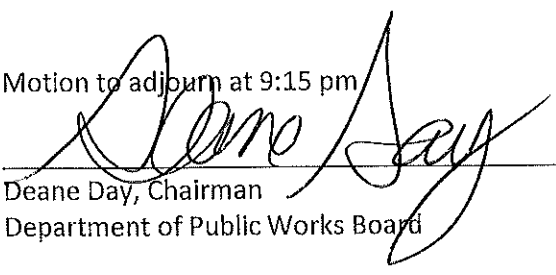
There was 10 minute break

- Year to Date budget-handouts were available. Snow & Ice budget began with a \$65,000.00 deficit due to a possible error in the FY22 budget process. The budget includes labor, salt, fuel and repairs. There were 31 snow & ice events and the ending balance was -\$108,181.30. The DPW budget will carry us through June 31<sup>st</sup> has used 63 % of its budget. The Water budget will also carry through to June 31<sup>st</sup> and 59.3% of that has been used. Fy'23 will bring new formats to track DPW and Water budgets
- MGL Chapter 40 Sections 42A-42F warrant article-by accepting this provision delinquent water bills will become a lien on the subject property and may therefore be collected as part of the real estate taxes for the property. Blaine made a motion to support the article – Andrew seconded motion passed 3-0. Next step to be a vote at Spring Town Meeting
- DPW Open House- Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> – 9AM to Noon
- Trash & Recycling Contract- progress is being made
- Project Update:
  - 31 snow events this far this season
  - Storm Water – By-laws need to be updated at June Town Meeting
  - Campground Road Culvert beginning permitting process
  - Transmitters and Water Meters- now estimating June delivery
  - Corrosion Control Study – submitted implementation schedule to MADEP
  - Crowley Road Source under DEP review- site visit went well, awaiting town meeting funding.
  - Truck 7- freightliner awaiting part

Everyone at the DPW is looking forward to work with Sterling's new Town Administrator- William Caldwell

- Future agenda items
  - Revisiting Redstone parking
  - Superintendent 6 month review

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm



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Deane Day, Chairman

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