

Town of Ayer



SPECIAL FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Ayer Town Hall, Great Hall, 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432

Monday, October 28, 2013, 7:00pm

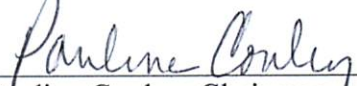
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.


GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in Town Elections and Affairs to meet at the Great Hall of the Ayer Town Hall located at 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432 on Monday, the Twenty-Eighth (28th) day of October, 2013, at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.) then and there to act on the following articles:

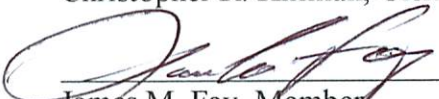
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereof to the Town Clerk before the date appointed for said meeting.

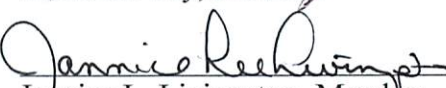
Given under our hands this 8th day of October AD 2013.


Pauline Conley, Chairman


Gary J. Luca, Vice-Chairman


Christopher R. Hillman, Clerk


James M. Fay, Member


Janice L. Livingston, Member

The Ayer Board of Selectmen

Any persons needing disability related assistance (such as signing, etc.) at the Town Meeting please contact the Selectmen's Office at 978-772-8220 before October 23, 2013. We shall make every reasonable effort to assist you. Large print version of the text of this warrant is available upon request.

ARTICLE 1: FORMER CENTRAL FIRE STATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the Town-owned land and improvements thereon described below and known as the Central Fire Station property from the Board or Officer currently maintaining such property for its current purpose to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition by sale or lease, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease for a period in excess of three years all or a portion of the land, with improvements thereon, shown on Assessors Map 26, as Lot 184, being all or a portion of the land described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: At the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen was authorized by Town Meeting to conduct a study of the Former Central Fire Station and come back to Town Meeting with a formal recommendation. The Board of Selectmen on advice from the Fire Station Re-Use Committee issued a Request for Proposals under MGL Chapter 30B for the sale and/or lease of the former Central Fire Station. The Board of Selectmen received no responses. This Article would transfer the Former Central Fire Station to the Board of Selectmen to be sold with all proceeds going into the Town's General Fund.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 2: PETITION FOR STREET ACCEPTANCE – EASY STREET

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layouts of the following street as a public way, the metes and bounds of which are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, fee interest or easement in such public ways and any and all easements related thereto, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: The metes and bounds are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30am to 5pm.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Planning Board: Recommends
Finance Committee:

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 3: CRABTREE WASTEWATER PUMPING STATION

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Surplus for the purposes of replacing the Crabtree Wastewater Pumping Station, including any design or engineering services related thereto, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: The Crabtree Wastewater Pumping Station is currently in a declining state of operations and timely replacement has been recommended by the DPW Superintendent.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends
DPW Superintendent: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 4: ADOPTION OF MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8G (POLICE MUTUAL AID)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 8G (Police Mutual Aid) or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: This Article provides for the acceptance of MGL Chapter 40, Section 8G which is required for the Town to enter into Police Mutual Aid Agreements.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Police Chief: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: TRANSFER(S) FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION : Town- Wide Telephone Upgrade

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purposes of upgrading the Town's telephone system for the DPW, Library, Police, and Town Hall, including but not limited to design, equipment purchase, and installation, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: This Article would fund the upgrade of the telephone systems at the DPW, Library, Police, and Town Hall

Sponsor: Capital Planning Committee
Board of Selectmen: Recommends
Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

**ARTICLE 6: TRANSFER ARTICLE FROM BOS SALARY TO I.T.
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET**

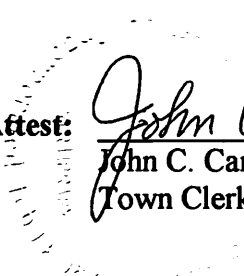
To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,506.00 from the Board of Selectmen Salary Budget to the I.T. Departmental Budget and vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from Capital Stabilization for the purposes of funding the Town Hall Mondopad (computerized video screen and stand) for Town Hall, including but not limited to equipment purchase and installation, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto..

Note: Mondopad is a large, mobile multimedia presentation piece of equipment that will be used at BOS, Fin Com, and other Meetings at the Ayer Town Hall. It has the capacity for video, audio, video conferencing, internet access, and various other presentation capabilities. The Article would fund the Mondopad for a total of \$6,506.00 by transferring \$2,506.00 from the BOS Salary Line in addition to \$4,000.00 from Capital Stabilization.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

A True Copy Attest:


John C. Canney, II
John C. Canney, II
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Date: October 9, 2013

As directed in the foregoing warrant, I have this day posted three attested copies in three public places, one of which was the Town Hall at least fourteen days before said meeting, all as herein directed.


Robert D. Friedrich, Constable

Date: 10/9/13