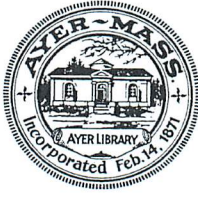


Town of Ayer



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Ayer Town Hall ~ Great Hall
1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432
May 12, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

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 in the Ayer Town Hall located at 1 Main Street, Ayer Massachusetts on Monday, the Twelfth (12th) day of May, 2014, 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.

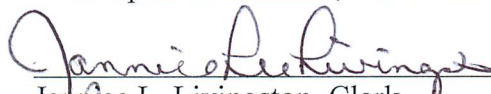
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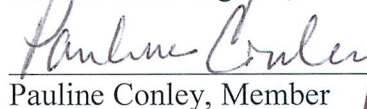
Gary J. Luca, Chairman



Christopher R. Hillman, Vice Chairman



Jannice L. Livingston, Clerk



Pauline Conley, Member

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. We shall make every reasonable effort to assist you.

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ARTICLE 1: TOWN ELECTIONS

The Town Elections are the first article of business and were held Monday, April 28, 2014.

ARTICLE 2: REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the several Town of Ayer Officers and Committees that may be ready to report, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

1. Finance Committee
2. Town Accountant/Finance Manager
3. Community Preservation Committee

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 3: PAY PRIOR YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amount to pay unpaid bills of Fiscal Year 2013, as authorized under General Laws Chapter 44, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Works	Baystate Roads Program	\$110.00
Fire Department	Nashoba Valley Med. Ctr.	\$209.15
Property and Liability Insurance	Markham Group, Inc.	\$100.00

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

4/5ths Vote Required

ARTICLE 4: SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of elected officers of the Town of Ayer, as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

	<u>FY-14 SALARY</u>	<u>FY-15 SALARY</u>	<u>% OF CHANGE</u>
Moderator	\$500	\$ 500	0.0%
Selectmen: Chair	\$2,506	\$ 2,506	0.0%
Selectmen: Members (2)	\$2,235	\$ 2,235	0.0%
Assessors: Chair	\$2,480	\$ 2,480	0.0%
Assessors: Members (2)	\$2,210	\$ 2,210	0.0%
Treasurer:	\$59,788	\$60,984	2.0%
Town Clerk	\$26,905	\$27,443	2.0%
Tax Collector:	\$32,884	\$33,542	2.0%
Tree Warden:	\$5,616	\$ 5,728	2.0%

Note: This article is required – Town Meeting sets the salaries of elected officials pursuant to MGL c. 41, § 108.

Note: The Ayer Board of Selectmen and Ayer Finance Committee approved the recommendation of a 2% COLA for the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Tree Warden.

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: OMNIBUS BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, the following sum or sums of money for the Omnibus items, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto:

Dept. 100: General Government
Dept. 200: Finance
Dept. 300: Public Safety
Dept. 400: Public Works
Dept. 500: Human Services
Dept. 600: Education
Dept. 700: Management Support

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

FY2015 Omnibus Budget

	FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Approved	FY2015 Proposed	Difference		Notes
Department 100 - General Government						
01 Selectmen	\$159,943	164,018	153,280	(10,738)	-6.55%	BOS to 3 members; BOS secretary retirement in FY14
02 Town Counsel	\$97,389	78,000	85,000	7,000	8.97%	Increase for property enforcement and road acceptances
03 Town Clerk	\$70,262	71,248	73,702	2,454	3.44%	Records Mgmt study at \$515/day for 2 days
04 Moderator	\$562	500	500	-	0.00%	
05 Parking Tickets	\$879	950	950	-	0.00%	
06 Public Buildings & Property Maintenance	\$245,720	282,982	299,301	16,319	5.77%	Increase in overtime \$4,000, repair heating unit @ Police \$7,000, sealing parking lots \$8,600, new chairs for meeting room \$2,000
07 Registrations & Elections	\$17,500	11,331	12,973	1,642	14.49%	Upgrade to current software \$1,200
08 Postage	\$15,497	18,000	19,000	1,000	5.56%	
09 American Legion	\$600	600	600	-	0.00%	
10 Memorial Day	\$1,855	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%	
11 4th of July Celebration - Fireworks	\$5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	100.00%	3 yr fireworks contract @ 7,000/yr
12 Communications Committee	\$0	700	700	-	0.00%	
13 Personnel Board	\$0	100	100	-	0.00%	
Department 100 Total	\$615,207	635,429	658,106	22,677	3.57%	
Department 200 - Finance						
01 Town Accountant	\$163,461	165,736	169,658	3,922	2.37%	Increase in audit fees
02 Computer Support	\$33,403	48,152	44,245	(3,907)	-8.11%	
03 Assessors	\$148,791	157,013	165,286	8,273	5.27%	Funding necessary for DOR req of RE property
04 Tax Collector	\$105,391	86,106	87,706	1,600	1.86%	3 yr plan approved by BOA for compliance by 2017
05 Treasurer	\$111,995	113,598	118,792	5,194	4.57%	\$767 for MTCA conference in 2015
06 Health & Life Insurance	\$1,497,936	1,452,079	1,324,105	(127,974)	-8.81%	New desk
07A Property & Liability Insurance	\$122,677	131,046	144,151	13,105	10.00%	Reduction in premiums
07B Workers Compensation	\$46,594	48,867	53,753	4,886	10.00%	
07C Fire & Police Accident	\$85,516	106,622	161,953	55,331	51.89%	Additional money for 111F
<i>subtotal</i>	<i>\$254,787</i>	<i>286,535</i>	<i>359,856</i>	<i>73,321</i>	<i>25.59%</i>	
08 Unemployment Compensation	\$28,285	25,511	15,511	(10,000)	-39.20%	Change to assessment from contributory
09 County Retirement Assessment	\$1,107,165	1,262,630	1,344,155	81,525	6.46%	
10 Notes & Bonds(Principal)	\$966,000	1,005,815	949,520	(56,295)	-5.60%	
11 Interest	\$283,299	259,285	232,733	(26,552)	-10.24%	
12 Tax Title	\$4,416	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%	
13 FICA Medicare	\$74,005	75,000	78,887	3,887	5.18%	
14 Finance Committee (Advisory Board)	\$571	700	200	(500)	-71.43%	
15 Reserve Fund	(\$88,555)	150,000	300,000	150,000	100.00%	Potential <i>Bolduc v. Town of Ayr</i> lawsuit expenses
Department 200 Total	\$4,690,950	5,096,160	5,198,654	102,494	2.01%	
Department 300 - Public Safety						
01 Police Department	\$1,748,445	1,872,657	1,991,834	119,177	6.36%	Increase in mandatory service training, software maintenance for new emergency system, NEMLEC membership \$5,000
02 Fire Department	\$1,312,270	1,357,827	1,479,789	121,962	8.98%	Includes new day position - \$75,000
03 Building Department	\$37,566	73,684	88,291	14,607	19.82%	Increase in wages for full-time inspector, \$7,000 increase for microfiche, increase in various expense lines
04 Emergency Management	\$3,681	9,510	9,560	50	0.53%	

FY2015 Omnibus Budget

	FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Approved	FY2015 Proposed	Difference		Notes
05 Animal Control Officer	\$11,829	12,812	13,039	227	1.77%	Tree Replacement \$3,000
06 Barn Inspector	\$354	1,000	1,000	(0)	0.00%	
07 Tree Warden	\$17,799	17,885	20,997	3,112	17.40%	
Department 300 Total	\$3,131,944	3,345,375	3,604,510	259,135	7.75%	
Department 400 - Public Works						
01 Public Works - Administration	\$1,000,235	938,530	1,075,673	137,143	14.61%	Includes \$70,000 for engineer/assistant superintendent, and supplies, \$2,500 for crosswalks, \$47,000 increase in snow & ice, \$5,500 truck body repair
02 Stormwater Agent						
03 Public Works - Street Lighting	\$66,990	75,400	76,400	1,000	1.33%	
04 Care of Graves	\$2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%	
Department 400 Total	\$1,069,725	1,016,430	1,154,573	138,143	13.59%	
Department 500 - Human Services						
01 Council on Aging	\$110,455	125,834	126,502	668	0.53%	Cover min wage increase Projects discussed w/Parks
02 Board of Health	\$14,845	15,473	16,054	581	3.75%	
03 Nashoba Assoc. Board of Health	\$23,606	23,606	23,606	(0)	0.00%	
04 Parks Department	\$118,073	113,168	126,086	12,918	11.42%	
05 Ayer/Shirley Youth Football & Cheerleading	\$4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%	Note: \$472,625 required for recertification
06 Little League	\$4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%	
07 Veterans Agent	\$9,716	19,194	19,039	(155)	-0.81%	
08 Veterans Benefits	\$144,803	168,000	168,000	-	0.00%	
09 Library	\$464,511	467,716	478,263	10,547	2.25%	
10 Disabilities Comm.	\$541	700	700	-	0.00%	
Department 500 Total	\$894,550	941,691	966,251	24,560	2.61%	
Department 600 - Education						
01 General Education						
03 Vocational Ed Transportation	\$75,000					
05 Vocational	\$786,348					
	\$861,348	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	
Department 700 - Management Support						
01 Zoning Board of Appeals	\$17,204	17,881	18,234	353	1.98%	
02 Planning Board	\$17,592	18,734	19,081	347	1.85%	
03 Conservation Commission	\$14,813	19,567	19,922	355	1.81%	
04 Economic & Community Development	\$30,627	31,562	33,255	1,693	5.36%	
05 Historical Commission	\$50	750	750	-	0.00%	One time - 9 Windows Op sys - \$7,000, ADA compliance \$800 TA printer/scanner \$700, Windows 8 Comp for IT Admin \$1,500 New network server contract \$10,000
06 Montachusett Reg. Plan. Comm.	\$2,112	2,165	2,219	54	2.49%	
07 Mngmt Support (printing & reporting)	\$6,242	6,500	6,500	-	0.00%	
08 Information Technology	\$81,088	97,655	115,897	18,242	18.68%	
Department 700 Total	\$169,728	\$194,814	\$215,858	\$21,044	10.80%	

FY2015 Omnibus Budget

Total Summary by Department

Dept 100 - General Government
 Dept 200 - Finance
 Dept 300 - Public Safety
 Dept 400 - Public Works
 Dept 500 - Human Services
 Dept 600- Education
 Dept 700 - Management Support
Total Operating Budgets

FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Approved	FY2015 Proposed	Difference		Notes
615,207	635,429	658,106	22,677	3.57%	
4,690,950	5,096,160	5,198,654	102,494	2.01%	
3,131,944	3,345,375	3,604,510	259,135	7.75%	
1,069,725	1,016,430	1,154,573	138,143	13.59%	
894,550	941,691	966,251	24,560	2.61%	
861,348	0	0	0	0%	
169,728	194,814	215,858	21,044	10.80%	
\$11,433,452	11,229,899	11,797,952	568,053	5.06%	

ARTICLE 6. FY 2015 REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,365,752 (nine million, three hundred sixty-five thousand, seven hundred fifty-two dollars) required to fund the Town's FY 2015 assessment for the Ayer-Shirley Regional School District, and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,015,018 (one million, fifteen thousand, eighteen dollars) for the Town's portion of the ASRSD High School Building Project debt service, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 7. FY 2015 NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$583,059 required to fund the FY 2015 assessment for the Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 8. FY2015 NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – AYER'S PORTION OF THE ACCELERATED ROOF REPAIR PROJECT BORROW

To see if the Town will approve the sum of \$2,802,362 (two million, eight hundred two thousand, three hundred sixty-two dollars) borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Valley Technical School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Accelerated Roof Repair Project at the Nashoba Valley Technical High School, located at 100 Littleton Road, Westford Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program], and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Valley Technical School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-two point twenty six percent (52.26%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. The amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Sponsor: Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Will report at Town Meeting

Simple Majority Vote Required

ENTERPRISE FUND ARTICLES

Handouts will be provided at Town Meeting with further detail on Articles No. 9 – 13.

ARTICLE 9. SOLID WASTE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following funds to operate the solid waste department:

Direct costs of \$382,183 of which \$204,240 is to come from solid waste revenue, \$38,719 is to come from solid waste surplus (free cash) and \$139,179 is to come from the tax levy, and **indirect costs** of \$109,710 to come from the tax levy, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Superintendent

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 10. AMBULANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following funds to operate the ambulance department:

Direct costs of \$106,479 is to come from ambulance revenue, and **indirect costs** of \$326,091 of which \$282,184 is to come from ambulance revenue and \$43,907 from ambulance surplus, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 11. SEWER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or from retained earnings the following funds to operate the sewer department:

Direct costs of \$2,309,701 of which \$2,284,032 is to come from sewer revenue and \$25,669 is to come from the tax levy, and **indirect costs** of \$315,312 of which \$300,312 is to come from sewer revenue and \$25,000.00 is to come from sewer surplus (free cash), or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 12. WATER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or from retained earnings the following funds to operate the water department:

Direct costs of \$1,713,866 of which \$1,599,676 is to come from water revenue and \$114,190 is to come from tax levy, and **indirect costs** of \$228,128 of which \$68,006 is to come from water revenue and \$160,122 is to come from water surplus (free cash), or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 13. STORMWATER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or from retained earnings the following funds to operate the stormwater department:

Direct costs of \$100,500 of which \$100,500 is to come from the tax levy, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: DPW Superintendent

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

REVOLVING FUND ARTICLES

Recommend Moving Articles 14 through 19 together by consent.

ARTICLE 14. COMMUNICATIONS FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of supporting the town website, printing and mailing various newsletters, and other town-wide informational mailings from the **Communication Committee**. Receipts to be credited to the account shall be revenues from ads placed in said mailings and on the Town website. The Communication Committee is authorized to expend monies from this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the Communications Revolving Fund exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in Fiscal Year 2015, and provided further that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: I.T. /Communications Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 15. FIRE ALARM FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of **Fire Alarm Repairs and Replacement**. Receipts to be credited to the account shall be Fire Alarm Box Assessment Fees and Fines for Needless and False Alarms. The Fire Chief is authorized to expend monies from this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the Fire Alarm Revolving Account exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) in Fiscal Year 2015, and provided further, that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 16. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of **Hazardous Materials Expense Replacement**. All receipts from a Haz-Mat incident shall be from billed services, and will be used for replacement of supplies and expenses. The Fire Chief will be authorized to expend monies for this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the Haz-Mat Revolving Account exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in Fiscal Year 2015, and provided further, that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Chief

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 17. FOURTH OF JULY FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of a **4th of July Revolving Fund**. Receipts to be credited to the Account shall be from vendor fees, and shall be used for purchasing and promoting the event. The 4th of July Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to expend money from this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the 4th of July Revolving Fund exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) in Fiscal Year 2015 and provided further, that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 18. DPW INSPECTION FEES FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of a **Department of Public Works Inspection Revolving Fund**. Receipts to be credited to the fund shall be from development fees or contributions, and shall be used for the purpose of funding inspections of road construction, drainage facilities, and water and sewer line installations. The Superintendent of Public Works shall be authorized to expend money from this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the Department of Public Works Inspection Revolving Fund exceed one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in Fiscal Year 2015 and provided further, that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto

Sponsor: DPW Superintendent

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 19. TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, for the purpose of a **Town Hall Maintenance Fund**. Receipts to be credited to the fund shall be from fees assessed for use of Town Hall facilities and may be used for costs related to operation, maintenance, repair and/or reconstruction at Town Hall and its grounds. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to expend money from this fund. In no event shall total expenditures from the Town Hall Maintenance Fund exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in Fiscal Year 2015 and provided further, that no Board, Department or Officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all Revolving Funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under Section Twenty Three of Chapter Fifty Nine, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

BORROW ARTICLES

ARTICLE 20. CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sums set out in the Warrant and hereby listed for the purposes of funding the following equipment, services and public works projects as contained in the **Capital Budget**, each sum hereafter to be voted on separately, or take any action thereon or in relation there to.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>DPW –Water Enterprise</u>		
	Spectacle Pond Corrosion Control Equipment	\$50,000
	Water Main Replacements	\$150,000
<u>DPW-Sewer Enterprise</u>		
	Meter Radio Read System	\$50,000
<u>Fire-Ambulance</u>		
	Cardiac Monitor	\$35,000

Sponsor: Capital Planning Committee; Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 21. UNEXPENDED BALANCE TRANSFER FOR EAST MAIN STREET WATER MAINS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$104,911.31 from the Reserve for Special Borrowing Account of the Water Fund and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the additional sum of \$895,088.69 for the replacement of East Main Street Water Mains, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 22. UNEXPENDED BALANCE TRANSFER FOR EAST MAIN STREET SEWER MAINS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$82,388.77 from the Reserve for Special Borrowing Account of the Sewer Fund, \$25,932.97 from the Reserve for Special Borrow of the General Fund, \$2,530.60 from the Reserve for Special Borrow of the Solid Waste Fund, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the additional sum of \$639,147.66 for the replacement or rehabilitation of East Main Street Sewer Mains, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

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**ARTICLE 23. TRANSFER BORROW AUTHORIZATION FOR
STONY BROOK PUMP STATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of the \$450,000 authorization to borrow from Article 19 of the May 14, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, DPW – Sewer Enterprise W. Main Pump Station Construction to the DPW – Sewer Enterprise Stony Brook Pump Station, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

**ARTICLE 24. UNEXPENDED BALANCE TRANSFER FOR
WATER METER RADIO READ SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$45,036.15 authorization to borrow from Article 14 of the May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, DPW – Water Enterprise SCADA Upgrades to the DPW – Water Enterprise Meter Radio Read System, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

RAISE, APPROPRIATE, AND TRANSFER ARTICLES

ARTICLE 25. PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the following sums hereby listed for the purposes of funding the following equipment, services and public works projects as contained in the Capital Budget, each sum hereafter to be voted on separately, or take any action thereon or in relation there to.

<u>General Fund</u>	Town Hall Windows	\$168,000
	Replace Police Chief Car	\$ 31,000
	New Servers (Town Hall, Fire, DPW)	\$ 33,000
	Design for E. Main St. Improvements	\$ 50,000
	Library Microfilm Reader	\$ 10,000

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 26. FIRE DEPT – HEAVY RESCUE TRUCK REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$475,000.00 required for the acquisition and equipping of a heavy rescue truck for the Fire Department, and to authorize the Board of selectmen to dispose of the existing vehicle replaced by the new vehicle by sale or trade and to take any other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 27. FIRE DEPT – GRANT MATCH – HEAVY TRUCK REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for 5% of the cost of acquiring and equipping a heavy rescue truck for the Fire Department for which the remainder will be paid for by a grant or grants applied for by the Fire Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing vehicle replaced by the new vehicle by sale or trade and to take any other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 28. COMPREHENSIVE POND SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 , to the Conservation Commission for the purpose of commissioning a comprehensive study of Ayer ponds and developing a long-term management plan; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

TRANSFER ARTICLES

ARTICLE 29. GASB-45/ OPEB (Post Employment Benefits) FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$300,000 to meet the Town's obligations under the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 to fund the Town's future obligation for the cost of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 30. DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN OF TOWN'S OPEB TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, Section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act"), to designate the Health Care Security Trust (HCST) board of trustees to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund; and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver the Custodian and Investment Agreement with HCST; and further to authorize the Town Treasurer to sign checks and wire OPEB Trust Funds to HCST or to the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT), or as it may otherwise be directed by HCST, and to make withdrawals and investments and enter into such agreements and deliver such certificates and other documents as HCST or the PRIT Management Board may direct; to authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer any and all funds that have been and will in the future be appropriated for the purpose of meeting the Town's OPEB funding requirement to HCST or PRIT; and transfer the sum of \$528,864.35, or any other amount, and any applicable additional interest accrued as of February 28, 2014 as the initial investment into the OPEB Trust Fund, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

Note: The \$528,864.35 consists of \$10,000 dedicated to OPEB in FY 2012; \$40,000 dedicated to OPEB in FY 2013; \$170,000 dedicated to OPEB in FY 2014 and \$300,000 for FY 2015 (contingent on the passage of Article 29)

ARTICLE 31. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$785,136 or such other sum or sums of money, to the Stabilization Fund under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, and to transfer 25% of said sum to capital stabilization per the Town's Financial Policies or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Vote Required

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 32. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

To see if the Town will hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) on the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Preservation Act budget, and appropriate from the estimated FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues:

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- A sum of money equal to five percent, and not-to-exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2015.

And further, to reserve for future appropriation from the estimated FY2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues the following sums of money, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for each of the following purposes:

- A sum of money equal to \$100,630 , more or less, for acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, and
- A sum of money equal to \$20,126, more or less, for acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, and
- A sum of money equal to \$20,126, more or less, for acquisition, creation and preservation and support of community housing.

Or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 33. CPAC – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the estimated FY2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues the sum of \$12,000 more or less, and reserve said sum for future appropriation by the Community Preservation Act Committee for general open space purposes; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 34. CPAC – COMPREHENSIVE POND SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the estimated FY2015 Community Preservation Fund revenues the sum of \$20,000, more or less, to the Conservation Commission for the purpose of commissioning a comprehensive study of Ayer ponds and developing a long-term management plan; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 35. BOARD OF ELECTION REGISTRARS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 110A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to allow the Office of the Board of Registrars to remain closed on Saturdays, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Registrars

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 36. PETITION FOR STREET ACCEPTANCE – MOUNTAIN LAUREL WAY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Mountain Laurel Way 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.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Planning Board: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 37. ACCEPTANCE OF PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 138 SECTION 33B (Serving of Alcoholic Beverages between the hours of 10am and 12pm on Sundays)

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 33B of the Massachusetts General Laws, which provides: “The local licensing authority of any City or Town which accepts this section may authorize licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas Day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday” or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Simple Majority Vote Required

**ARTICLE 38. AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO
INCREASE THE FEE OF BUSINESS CERTIFICATES
(Pursuant to MGL Chapter 110, Section 5)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 110, Section 5 and Chapter 262, Section 34(20) of the Massachusetts General Laws to increase the fee charged for Business Certificates issued for a period of four (4) years from twenty dollars (\$20.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00) or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee: Recommends

Two-Thirds Majority

CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 39. TOWN HALL MEMORIAL GARDEN FLOWERING
TREES**

PETITION

We, the undersigned residents, welcome spring each year with the wonderful profusion of pink and white blossoms provided by our beautiful, establish flowering trees. IN addition to the spring beauty, they provide a protective have from the harshness of the summer sun for those visiting the Memorial Garden or just stopping for a moment's rest. The shade they provide also helps to prolong the life of the garden's annual plantings of beautiful geraniums, which would fade much faster in the unrelenting sun.

Because they are mature trees, they add to the feeling of stability and permanence that was so beautifully preserved, at substantial cost to the taxpayers, in the renovation of Town Hall and the surrounding property. We therefore respectfully request that every consideration be given to the maintenance and preservation of these valuable Town assets by skilled professional, so that they may continue to provide beauty and shade to the Town Hall property.

Note: Petition Submitted on March 31, 2014 to the Town Clerk with 40 verified signatures of Ayer Residents.

ARTICLE 40. **ADOPTION OF MGL CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5K :**
SENIOR WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM

PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5K to establish a Senior work-off abatement program, administered by the Board of Selectmen, where Seniors provide services to the community at an hourly rate no higher than the State Minimum Wage, and their earning are credited to reduce their property tax bills, and to adjust the exemption in this section by;

(1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide such services to the Town; or

(2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year rather than \$1,000.00 or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Note: Petition Submitted on April 11, 2014 to the Town Clerk with 14 verified signatures of Ayer Residents

Note: The Ayer Town Meeting of May 2012 adopted MGL Chapter 59, Section 5K

*A true copy attest,
John C. Canney, II
Ayer Town Clerk
April 25, 2014*

A True Copy Attest:

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 seven days before said meeting, all as herein directed.

Robert O. French

- Constable

Date: 4/25/14



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