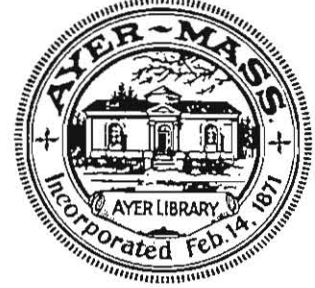


Town of Ayer

SPECIAL FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Ayer Town Hall ~ Great Hall
1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432
October 27, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.



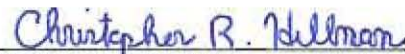
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

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 Twenty-seventh (27th) day of October, 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.

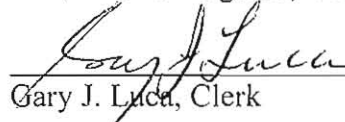
Given under our hands this 7th day of October AD 2014.



Christopher R. Hillman, Chairman



Jannice L. Livingston, Vice Chairman



Gary J. Luca, Clerk

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 17, 2014. We shall make every reasonable effort to assist you. Large print version of the text of this warrant is available upon request.

ARTICLE 1: CPAC – Housing Project in Ayer (Habitat for Humanity)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund Balance reserved for Housing the sum of \$100,000.00 (\$50,000.00 per unit) more or less, to fund a grant to Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts for the purpose of supporting the building of an affordable housing duplex unit at 76 Central Avenue in the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts to effectuate the purposes of this article; 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 2: Street Acceptance – Deer Run; Partridge Run; Portions of Hickory Way and Old Farm Way

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Deer Run; Partridge Run; Portions of Hickory Way and Old Farm Way as public ways, 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 3: Transfer Article: Teenage Anxiety and Depression Solutions Grant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,000.00 to fund the Town's portion of the Teenage Anxiety and Depression Solutions (TADS) two (2) year contract (November 1, 2014 - October 31, 2016); or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: The Ayer Board of Selectmen in July 2014 after a presentation by the Ayer Shirley Regional School District (ASRSD) made a commitment to fund the Town's portion of this two year contract for the Teenage Anxiety Depression Solutions Grant. The Town of Shirley will fund \$4,000 and the ASRSD will fund \$4,000. This grant funded program will provided anxiety and depression solutions and resources to students, parents, and families in the ASRSD.

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ARTICLE 4: Transfer Article: Transfer from FY 2015 Department 200 – Finance (Treasurer’s Account) to FY 2015 Department 100 – General Government (Board of Selectmen’s Account)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the amount funded under Article 5 of the May 12, 2014 ATM (the FY 2015 Omnibus Budget), Department 200 – Finance Department (Treasurer’s Account) the amount of \$50,900.00 to the FY 2015 Department 100 – General Government Department (Board of Selectmen Account) to fund the position of Benefits and Payroll Manager or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: With the elimination of the position of Assistant Treasurer and the creation of the position of Benefits and Payroll Manager, this Article would transfer the amount of \$50,900.00 originally appropriated for the position of Assistant Treasurer in the FY 2015 Treasurer’s Budget to the FY 2015 Board of Selectmen’s Budget to fund the position of the Benefits and Payroll Manager for FY 2015.

CITIZENS’ PETITIONS

Reduce the Ayer Planning Board Terms from 5 Years to 3 Years

To see if the Town will vote to:

Reduce the Ayer Planning Board terms from the current 5 years to 3 years for elected members

If passed by majority vote of Town Meeting the next Town of Ayer municipal election in the spring of 2015, the Planning Board terms would be assigned as follows:

The two candidates with the most votes received will be elected to a three-year term

The candidates with the third- and fourth-most votes will be elected to a two-year term

The candidate with the fifth-most votes will be elected to a one-year term.

Sponsor: By Citizens’ Petition submitted by the Town’s deadline of Friday, October 3, 2014 at 12:30pm to Town Clerk. 100 signatures certified by Registrars of Voters.

Explanatory Note: Citizens’ Petition printed verbatim in Warrant as submitted and certified. The original Citizens’ Petition is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office at the Ayer Town Hall.

A True Copy Attest:

Susan E. Copeland
Susan E. Copeland

Date

10/8/2014

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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

Date

10/7/14

Robert D. Friedrich, Constable

