



Town of Ayer

SPECIAL ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Ayer Shirley Regional High School Auditorium
141 Washington Street, Ayer, MA 01432
October 24, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

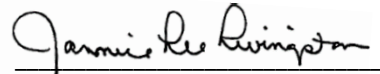
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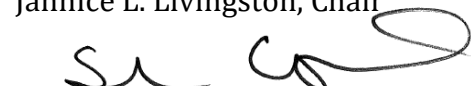
GREETINGS:

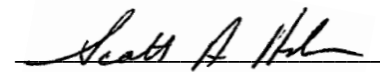
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in Town Elections and Affairs to meet at the Auditorium in the Ayer Shirley Regional High School located at 141 Washington Street, Ayer, Massachusetts on Monday, the Twenty-fourth (24th) day of October, 2022, 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 4th day of October AD 2022.


Jannice L. Livingston, Chair


Shaun C. Copeland, Vice Chair


Scott A. Houde, Clerk

AYER SELECT BOARD

Any persons needing disability related assistance (such as signing, etc.) at the Town Meeting please contact the Select Board Office at 978-772-8220 x100 before October 21, 2022. We shall make every reasonable effort to assist you. Large print version of the text of this warrant is available upon request.

ARTICLE 1: STREET ACCEPTANCE – PLEASANT STREET EXTENSION (PORTION)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the road known as Pleasant Street Extension (Portion) (being that portion of Pleasant Street Extension commencing where the public way currently ends and running north thereof until its terminus) as heretofore laid out by the Select Board and shown on a plan of land entitled “Definitive Residential Subdivision Lotting Plan Riley Jayne Farm,” dated April 9, 2016, prepared by GPR Engineering Solutions, recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan #747 of 2016, and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in said Pleasant Street Extension (Portion) for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Ayer and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Select Board *(Voted 2-0 on 10-4-2022)*

Planning Board: Recommends *(Voted 3-0 on 9-27-2022)* Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: This Article would accept the portion of Pleasant Street Extension as defined in the Article as a public way in the Town. The metes and bounds of the road to be accepted are shown on plans on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town’s website at www.ayer.ma.us/townmeeting. Presentation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: STREET ACCEPTANCE – WOODLAND WAY AND A PORTION OF HEMLOCK DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the roads known as Woodland Way and Hemlock Drive (Portion) (being that portion of Hemlock Drive commencing at the intersection with Hickory Way and running north thereof until its terminus) as heretofore laid out by the Select Board and shown on a plan of land entitled “Modification of Definitive Subdivision of Land in Ayer, Mass.,” dated April 2016, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan #143 of 2017, and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in said Woodland Way and Hemlock Drive (Portion) for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Ayer and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Select Board *(Voted 2-0 on 10-4-2022)*

Planning Board: Recommends *(Voted 4-0 on 8-23-2022)* Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: This Article would accept Woodland Way and a portion of Hemlock Drive as defined in the Article as public ways in the Town. The metes and bounds of the roads to be accepted are shown on plans on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us/townmeeting. Presentation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE AYER COMMONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing and from the Undesignated Reserve Categories the sum of \$400,000 to support the Affordable Housing Project, Phase I named Ayer Commons to be utilized by Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc. for affordable community housing, towards the costs to construct 64 affordable rental dwelling units at 65 Fitchburg Road and other costs related thereto, all of which will be subject to a permanent Affordable Housing Restriction that runs to the benefit of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to accept such restriction and execute any instruments or agreement necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee (*Voted Unanimously on 9-7-2022*)
Select Board: Recommends (*2-0 on October 4, 2022*) Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: This Article would fund up to \$400,000 for the Affordable Housing Project, Phase I, by Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc (NOAH) at 65 Fitchburg Road. Presentation to be made at Town Meeting. The total number of Affordable units to be constructed is 106; 64 will be constructed in Phase 1.

ARTICLE 4: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 1943 AYER HOWITZER RESTORATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historical Preservation Category the sum of \$32,232 to support the Town of Ayer's restoration of the 1943 Howitzer and preservation of the historic monument for Staff Sergeant Leon Cote upon the grounds of Town Hall; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee (*Voted Unanimously on 9-28-2022*)
Select Board: Recommends (*2-0 on October 4, 2022*) Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: This Article would fund up to \$32,232 for the Town of Ayer to restore the 1943 Howitzer and preservation of the historic monument dedicated to Staff Sergeant Leon Cote by placement on the historic grounds of Town Hall. Presentation to be made at Town Meeting.

A True Copy Attest: 
Susan E. Copeland, Town Clerk

Date: October 7, 2022

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.


Constable

Date: October 7, 2022