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OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AYER, MASSACHUSETTS JUNE 2, 2020



## **INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN	SELECTMAN PARK COMMISSIONER		LIBRARY TRUSTEE			
3 Years Vote for one	3 Years	Vote for two	3 Years Vote for two			
JANNICE L LIVINGSTON 23 Williams Street Candidate for Re-Election	GERALD E AMENTA 100 Sandy Pond Road	0	SUSAN M KENNEDY 5 Nashua Street	)		
(Write-in)	SCOTT N COPELAND 4 Mountain Avenue	0	SHARON A SLARSKY 1 Ledgeway	)		
COMMISSIONER OF	(Write-in)	0	(Write-in)	)		
TRUST FUNDS	(Write-in)		(Write-in)	)		
3 Years Vote for one	PARK COMMISSIONER		REGIONAL SCHOOL			
STEPHEN M SLARSKY  1 Ledgeway Candidate for Re-Election	1 Year	Vote for one	DISTRICT COMMITTEE			
(Write-in)	(Write-in)		3 Years Vote for one			
CONSTABLE PLANNING BOARD		MICHELE L GRANGER 21 Calvin Street Candidate for Re-Election				
3 Years Vote for one	3 Years	Vote for two	(Write-in)			
RICHARD W SKOCZYLAS 17 Markham Circle Candidate for Re-Election		SON for Re-Election	REGIONAL SCHOOL			
(Write-in)	NATHANAEL N KING 7 Union Street Candidate	for Re-Election	DISTRICT COMMITTEE			
ASSESSOR	(Write-in)	0	1 Year Vote for one			
3 Years Vote for one	(Write-in)		JOSEPH V LEONE 2 Winterberry Lane			
(Write-in)	BOARD OF H	EALTH	(Write-in)	)		
	3 Years	Vote for one	HOUSING AUTHORITY			
	PAMELA L PAPINEAU  5 Whitcomb Avenue Candidate	for Re-Election	5 Years Vote for one			
	(Write-in)		JANET K PROVIDAKES  1 Brilaina Court	)		
			(Write-in)	)		
BALLOT QUESTION						

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body and summarized below?

Summary: This question involves amendment of the Town's acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "CPA") to increase the allowable surcharge on real property. At the February 15, 2001 Special Annual Town Meeting, the Town voted under Article 2 to adopt the CPA, and such adoption was approved by ballot at the April 23, 2001 Annual Town Election. At the October 28, 2019 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted under Article 8 to increase the surcharge on real property from 1% to 3% beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

The CPA allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for: the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and land for recreational use; the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; and the creation, preservation and support of community housing. Acceptance of the Act also entitles municipalities to receive an annual distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, which supplements the funds collected pursuant to the surcharge imposed by the Town and increases the available funds for eligible projects. As required by the Act, the Town has created a Community Preservation Committee to make recommendations to Town Meeting concerning the expenditure and allocation of CPA funds.

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NO	