



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights for April 3, 2018**

- The Ayer Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting for April 3, 2018 was called to order at 7pm. The BOS and the DPW Superintendent recognized Mr. David Nelson, Jr., Wastewater Treatment Operator for his completion of the Massachusetts Wastewater Certificate Program.
- The BOS appointed (2-0) a full-time Dispatcher on recommendation of the Police Chief. The BOS and Police Chief formally recognized National Telecommunicators Week (April 8th thru April 14th). The BOS voted (2-0) to approve the Tri Tech Purchase Order in the amount of \$113,256.31 for infrastructure upgrades for the Regional Dispatch Center. *(Note: Funding source is all grant funds from State 911).*
- The BOS conducted the FY 2019 Water and Sewer Rate Public Hearing with presentations from the Finance Manager and DPW Superintendent on behalf of the Water and Sewer Rate Committee. The BOS voted (2-0) to accept the recommendation(s) of the Water and Sewer Rate Committee to raise water rates by 2% effective July 1, 2018 and to raise sewer rates by 3.5% effective July 1, 2018. *(Note: Estimated cost impact on the average residential water bill will be a \$2.80 annual increase; estimated cost impact on the average residential sewer bill be a \$10.40 annual increase)*
- The BOS voted (2-0) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$21,320.00 for the Accounting Department to cover unforeseen costs due to an unforeseen retirement and additional FY 2017 cash audit costs.
- The BOS voted (2-0) to approve the request of Mr. Jeff Gendron of the Vineyard to place a Home Rule Petition for one additional all-alcohol license for the Vineyard on the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for voters to decide.
- State Representative Jennifer Benson appeared before the BOS to discuss various activities, initiatives, issues and programs that she is working on as well as to answer questions regarding various Ayer issues from the BOS.
- The BOS discussed the issue(s) of fines for railroad ties and debris left by the railroads in the rail corridor throughout Town. The BOS voted (2-0) to authorize the Town Administrator to give notice to the railroads regarding cleaning up the rail corridor to include potential fines.
- The BOS voted (2-0) to approve the March 20, 2018 and March 27, 2018 BOS Meeting Minutes. The BOS voted (2-0; Roll call vote) to enter into Executive Session and adjourn for the evening at the conclusion of the Executive Session.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOS will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7pm at the Ayer Town Hall

**(Note: The BOS Meeting Highlights are for public informational purposes only and do not constitute an official record of the BOS nor do they constitute the official meeting minutes.)*