



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights for April 5, 2016**

- The Ayer Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting for April 5, 2016 was called to order at 7pm.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to appoint a Part-time Records Clerk at Grade 3, Step 3 for the Police Department on recommendation by the Police Chief.
- The BOS conducted the FY 2017 Water and Sewer Rate(s) Public Hearing. The BOS voted (3-0) to set the FY 2017 Water Rates effective July 1, 2016 as recommended by the Rate Review Committee as follows: Step 1: \$2.52; Step 2: \$3.12; Step 3: \$3.69. The BOS voted (3-0) to set the FY 2017 Sewer Rates effective July 1, 2016 as recommended by the Rate Review Committee as follows: Step 1: \$7.16; Step 2: \$8.20; Step 3: \$9.33. The BOS voted (3-0) to increase various water and sewer related fees on recommendation of the Rate Committee (Refer to the BOS Meeting Packet online for 4-5-2016).
- The BOS met with Senator Eldridge and Representative Benson regarding their semi-annual legislative update and to discuss issues facing Ayer.
- The BOS conducted a Public Hearing for the Application for License for the Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids (Per MGL Chapter 148, Section 13) for Fifteen Littleton Realty Trust/Lessee: Global Montello Group Corp. The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the license.
- The BOS met with the Personnel Board and heard a presentation on the Personnel Board's COLA (cost of living adjustment) recommendation for FY 2017. The Personnel Board previously voted to recommend a 2% COLA. The BOS voted (2-1) to recommend a 2% COLA for FY 2017.
- After a lengthy discussion of the three year standstill between the MBTA and the private property owner regarding the resolution of the Depot Square Access Property for the purposes of constructing the Ayer Rail Trail Commuter Surface Parking Lot and Access Improvement Project; the BOS voted (3-0) to authorize the commencement of eminent domain of the Depot Square Access Property to include the Advocates Building and for the eminent domain warrant article to be placed on the May 9, 2016 Ayer Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The BOS will further discuss and hear an update on this matter at their April 19, 2016 BOS Meeting.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$36,282 for Hayes, Inc. for the wastewater pumping telemetry system.

- The BOS discussed the idea as brought up at the March 23, 2016 BOS Meeting from the Public about placing the electric and phone utilities underground as part of the East Main Street Project. Costs were estimated to be approximately \$4 million dollars and would extend the timeline of the project by 2 year. The BOS determined that this not to be feasible for this project due to significant costs and timelines.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to endorse the ASRSD School Committee's Chapter 70 Resolution and to transmit to the State Legislative Delegation.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the March 23, 2016 BOS Meeting Minutes.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BOS will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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.)*