



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights from April 7, 2020**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law; Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberation "though adequate, alternative means".

- The Ayer BOS Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Ayer Town Hall using public remote participation technology which consisted of a live broadcast of the meeting on Channel 8 as well as a live stream on www.ayerpublicaccess.org and by Zoom conferencing technology. The Public was instructed to call in remotely to a teleconference number or via Zoom conferencing technology if they wanted to provide any public input or ask any questions.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to postpone the Ayer Annual Town Meeting originally scheduled for May 11, 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and voted (3-0) to reschedule **the Ayer Annual Town Meeting to take place on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School.**
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the meeting minutes from the March 9, 2020 BOS Meeting. The BOS received a brief Administrative Update from the Town Manager which included a COVID-19 Preparedness Update of the ongoing initiatives and activities of the Town during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The Ayer Finance Committee Called to Order at 6:15pm (as posted on the meeting agenda and using remote participation technology in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Open Meeting Law Order) to participate in the review and discussion of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the FY 2021 Budget.
- The BOS reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and FY 2021 Budget as presented and voted (3-0) to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and FY 2021 Budget.
- The Finance Committee voted (3-0) to approve all financial articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented and to approve the FY 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee voted (3-0) to adjourn from the meeting at approximately 7:16pm.
- The BOS voted (3-0) by Roll Call Vote (Houde, Y; Livingston, Y; Copeland, Y) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel) for the Town Engineer Personal Services Contract MOA; and the Benefits & Payroll Manager Personal Services Contract MOA and to adjourn for the evening at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

**(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. The next meeting of the Ayer BOS will be on April 21, 2020 at 6pm)*