



Town of Ayer

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

- 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.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the contract in the amount of \$1,438,889 to Winston Builders for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. The BOS received an update from the DPW Superintendent regarding the East Main Street Reconstruction Project right of way process. The BOS voted (3-0) to approve \$4,972.31 from UDAG funds for the payment of a prior year bill to Casella Waste.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve a conservation restriction for Kohler Place as presented and requested by the Conservation Commission.
- The BOS received an Election Update from the Town Clerk and voted (3-0) to open the 2020 Annual Town Election at the request of the Town Clerk.
- The BOS received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager which included a FY 2021 Budget Update. The BOS voted (3-0) to reauthorize the Town's Health Benefits Buyout Program for another three years on recommendation of the Town Manager and the Benefits & Payroll Manager.
- Under New Business, Selectman Copeland presented the idea of officially changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to that of Select Board to be gender neutral, more inclusive, modernize the language, and to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. Additionally, over 70 towns in Massachusetts have already made this change. The proposed change would require a bylaw amendment subject to approval by Town Meeting and review and approval by the Attorney General. The BOS will further discuss the matter at the January 21st BOS Meeting.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2019.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm

**(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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Board of Selectmen will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00pm.