



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights from June 10, 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 "through 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 recognized various graduating high school Seniors from the Town of Ayer with a slide show featuring their photo, achievements, and their plans upon graduation.
- The DPW Superintendent and BOS recognized Eagle Scout Liam Mayes of Troop 2 for his Eagle Scout Project which consisted of planting 200 trees at the Pingry Hill Water Tank site.
- The BOS voted (3-0) on recommendation of the DPW Superintendent to approve the following subdivision inspection fees for road and stormwater construction as follows:
 - Subdivision road and drainage projects at \$8.50 per foot of roadway
 - Commercial, industrial, or multi-family projects at \$170 per 1,000 square feet of impervious area (not including building footprint)
- The BOS discussed the issue of the minimum charge for outside water meters with the DPW Superintendent. The consensus was that at this time the minimum charge remains \$10 per quarter but the BOS will refer this issue to the Rate Review Committee to review and advise for next year.
- The BOS received a presentation from the DPW Superintendent on the conditions of the Groton School Road Culvert which includes the DPW's short-term and long-term plans to address the conditions of the culvert.
- The BOS received the Town Manager's Report which consisted of an update on the Town's ongoing COVID-19 Preparedness; an update on the plan for Town Meeting on June 15, 2020 at 7pm in the high school auditorium implementing social distancing and hygiene measures.

- The BOS voted (3-0) to reappoint the various individuals to the various Town Boards and Committees as set forth in the memorandum from the Assistant Town Manager dated June 4, 2020. By consensus the BOS assigned the following Selectman to the following Boards and Committees for 2020-2021: Capital Planning (Will remain open until the Fall); Executive Bi-Board (Selectman Houde); OPEB Board of Trustees (Selectman Copeland); Rate Review (Selectman Livingston)
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$1700 for the Planning Board's Public Hearing Expenses.
- The BOS set its summer meeting schedule as follows: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6pm; Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6pm; and Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6pm. The BOS will schedule additionally meetings if needed.
- Selectman Copeland discussed under New Business the plans for a peaceful demonstration being organized by local students/resident scheduled for June 25, 2020 at 2pm starting at the high school and walking down Washington Street onto Main Street and back to the high school (socially distant). More information to be forthcoming.
- The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 and May 19, 2020.
- The BOS reorganized the BOS Officers for the upcoming year (2020-2021) as follows:
 - Selectman Shaun Copeland, Chair
 - Selectman Scott Houde, Vice-Chair
 - Selectman Jannice Livingston, Clerk
- The BOS voted (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm

**(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 Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6pm