



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights from March 17, 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. The Public was instructed to call in remotely to a teleconference number if they wanted to provide any public input or ask any questions.
- The BOS received a Town of Ayer Coronavirus/COVID-19 Preparedness Update from the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. The Town of Ayer continues to be proactive out of an overabundance of caution with its local preparedness to limit the spread of COVID-19. Residents are encouraged to view the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us for all Town related information and updates.
- The BOS voted (3-0) on recommendation of the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to amend the Town's Directive regarding the suspension of nonessential Town programs and services which was originally issued on March 14, 2020. The amended directive expands the public closure of Town Buildings to include all Town outdoor parks and recreation facilities (including Pirone Park, Sandy Pond Beach, and the Ayer Dog Park) through March 30, 2020. Additionally, the amended Town Directive extends the public closure of all Town Buildings and the cancellation of all public meetings in Town Buildings through March 30, 2020. *(Note: At this time all Town Personnel continue to work during normal hours of operation and are available by telephone and/or email)* To view the amended Town Directive please go to the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us and it is posted on the Ayer Town Hall.
- The Ayer BOS will next meet using remote public participation technology on Monday, March 30, 2020 at which time they will review and discuss the Town's Directive and make any changes as needed.
- The BOS received an update from the Police Chief regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Downtown Parking Plan.
- The BOS received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The BOS voted (3-0) to appoint two individuals to the Ayer Cultural Council. The BOS voted (3-0) to approve the

Application for Change of Manager for the Ayer Gun & Sportsmen's Club. The BOS voted (3-) to approve the refinancing of an Ayer LIP Unit located at 13 Auman Street.

- 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 #3 (Contract Negotiations) Town Hall/Clerical Union Contract MOA; Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel) Finance Manager's Personal Service Contract; Town Clerk's Personal Services Contract; Police Chief's Personal Services Contract 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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Board of Selectmen will be on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:00pm. The BOS will be using remote public participation technology for this meeting in compliance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order regarding the Open Meeting Law. Instructions for the public to participate remotely will be provided prior to the meeting and during the meeting.