



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting Highlights for December 4, 2018**

- The Ayer BOS Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 7:00pm. Chairman Livingston asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of President George H.W. Bush.
- The BOS and Planning Board conducted a Joint Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board. The Joint Appointment voted (4-0) to appoint Mr. Jonathan Kranz of Ayer to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy until the next town election in April 2019.
- The BOS conducted the FY 2019 Tax Classification Public Hearing with the Board of Assessors. The BOS voted (2-0) not to adopt the Open Space Discount. The BOS voted (2-0) not to adopt the Residential Exemption. The BOS voted (2-0) not to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption. The BOS did request that the Small Commercial Exemption be further studied for consideration next year. The BOS voted (2-0) to adopt a CIP Shift Percentage of 1.54 on recommendation by the Board of Assessors.
- The adopted factor of 1.54 will result in a Residential tax rate of \$13.63 for FY 2019 and a CIP tax rate of \$28.80 for FY 2019. The average Residential tax rate for FY 2019 will increase by approximately \$20 and the median CIP bill will decrease by approximately \$294. *For more information please refer to the December 4, 2018 BOS Meeting Packet on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us*
- The BOS received a presentation of a multifamily affordable housing proposal with a request for L.I.P. endorsement to be located 0 Washington Street by Attorney Adam Costa representing Ayer Solar II, LLC. No action was taken by the BOS.
- The BOS received and Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The BOS voted (2-0) to appoint Ms. Rebecca Jones to the Ayer Recycling Committee. The BOS voted (2-0) to approve two quitclaim deeds for Ridge View Heights as previously approved by Town Meeting. The BOS voted (2-0) to approve the 2019 BOS issued license renewals as set forth in the November 30, 2018 memo from the Assistant Town Manager.
- The BOS discussed several major proposed zoning bylaw items with the Town Manager, Town Planner, and Director of Community & Economic Development. The items consist of proposed retail marijuana zoning; form based code zoning for Park Street; and the Petapawag special zoning district. The discussion focused on the probable need for a special town meeting in addition to the annual town meeting in the Spring of 2019 to consider these major zoning bylaw items.
- The BOS voted (2-0) to approve the meeting minutes for November 13, 2018. The BOS voted (2-0) to adjourn the BOS Meeting at approximately 9:23pm.

(The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer BOS will be on December 18, 2018 at 7pm)

**(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.)*