

**Town of Ayer
Board of Selectmen
Ayer Town Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room
Ayer, MA 01432**



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Tuesday June 26, 2018
Open Session Meeting Minutes

BOS Present: Jannice L. Livingston, Chair; Scott A. Houde, Clerk

BOS Absent: Christopher R. Hillman, Vice – Chair

Also Present: Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Manager
Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manager

Call to Order: J. Livingston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: BOS members and meeting attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approve Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by J. Livingston to approve the agenda. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Announcements: J. Livingston announced that the Ayer 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Celebration will be taking place on Saturday July 7, 2018.

Town Manager's Report: *Appointments* – R. Pontbriand is requesting that Mr. Bob Williams be reappointed to a three year term on the Cultural Council.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by J. Livingston to reappoint Mr. Bob Williams to a three year term on the Cultural Council from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Approval of Addendum to Host Community Agreement – R. Pontbriand explained the addendum to the Host Community Agreement. The addendum does not change the substantive elements of the original host agreement; however, it recognizes a new corporation Late Spring, Inc., which will oversee/administer recreational marijuana. Central Ave. Compassionate Care, Inc. will continue to oversee/administer medical marijuana.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by J. Livingston to approve the Addendum to the Host Agreement as presented. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Public Input: Ms. Pauline Conley, 40 Cambridge Street thanked the DPW for their assistance and hard work relating to the recent sewer main break on Central Ave.

At 7:08 PM, the BOS entered into recess. At 7:12 PM, the BOS reconvened in open session.

Joint Committee of Town Moderator, Ayer BOS and Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee:

Appointment of Nashoba Valley Technical High School Committee Member and Alternate – Because only one member of the School Committee was in attendance, R. Pontbriand reviewed the regional school agreement and verified that the appointment process could proceed.

Town Moderator Tom Horgan called the Joint Session of the BOS and School Committee together. R. Pontbriand informed members that there were originally three interested candidates for the two positions (regular member and alternate). The candidates were Chris Prehl, Andrea Fontaine and Chris Meusel. Mr. Meusel withdrew his application; therefore the two remaining candidates were being considered for the regular and alternate positions.

R. Pontbriand stated that though Ms. Fontaine was not in attendance, due to a travel commitment for work, she would still like to be considered.

T. Horgan asked Mr. Prehl to introduce himself. C. Prehl stated he would like to be considered for the regular position. He has served in a variety of capacities on Town Boards and has volunteered in many Town sponsored programs and activities. C. Prehl stated that he has children that attend NVTs.

R. Pontbriand read Ms. Fontaine's letter of interest. She has lived in Town for about 11 years and she is looking to be more involved by volunteering. She also has children that attend NVTs.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by J. Livingston to nominate Mr. Chris Prehl for appointment to the vacant seat on the Nashoba Valley Technical School Committee, term to expire March 31, 2019. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Motion: A motion was made by J. Livingston and seconded by S. Houde to nominate Ms. Andrea Fontaine for appointment to the vacant Alternate seat on the Nashoba Valley Technical School Committee, term to expire March 31, 2019. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Appointment Process Discussion – J. Livingston stated that she wanted to start the discussion about how seats are filled in the event of a vacancy. She stated that it was challenging to schedule both committees and the Moderator and she would like to see the process more streamlined.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by T. Horgan to adjourn the Joint Committee. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Continued Public Hearing -- Petition for Joint or Identical Poles Location: *West Main Street by National Grid and Verizon – Request #25611824* – J. Livingston reopened the public hearing, which had been continued from June 19, 2018. National Grid representative Steve Soucy was in attendance. R. Pontbriand informed the BOS that as a follow-up from the last meeting, the garden at 109 W. Main Street was determined to be in the Town's Right of Way. Mr. Soucy reported that the project will be completed by the end of September.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by J. Livingston to approve pole petition #25611824. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Motion: A motion was made by J. Livingston and seconded by S. Houde to close the Public Hearing at 7:41 PM. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made by J. Livingston and seconded by S. Houde to adjourn at 7:43 PM. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manager

Date Minutes Approved by BOS: 7/17/2018

Signature Indicating Approval: 