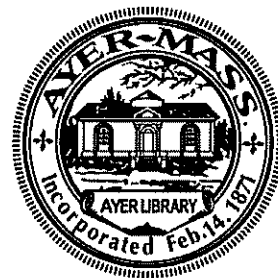


Town of Ayer  
Board of Selectmen  
Ayer Town Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Ayer, MA 01432



Tuesday February 9, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

*Broadcast and Recorded by APAC*

Present: Jannice L. Livingston, Chair; Gary J. Luca, Vice-Chair  
  
Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Administrator  
Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Absent: Christopher R. Hillman, Clerk

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

**Review and Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to approve the agenda. **Motion passed 2-0.**

**Finance Committee Chair Scott Houde announced that the Finance Committee did not have a quorum, but both he and Finance Committee member Pauline Conley were in attendance.**

**Presentation of Ayer Shirley Regional School District FY' 17 Budget:** Dr. Mary Malone, ASRSD School Committee member Pat Kelly, and Director of Finance William Plunkett gave a Power Point presentation regarding the proposed FY' 17 ASRSD budget. The recommended budget is \$29,625,627 which is an increase of \$802,211 or 2.8%. She stated that the budget was guided by many factors, but primarily: academic excellence, social and emotional well-being of students, safe and adequate and secure environments and reasonable class size.

Dr. Malone stated that she was presenting the second iteration of the budget with the most updated figures being incorporated from the Governor's budget, which was released in late January.

The proposed increase for the Town of Ayer's FY 2017 Assessment is \$251,135 or a 2.6% increase from FY 2016. The proposed increase for the Town of Shirley's FY 2017 Assessment is \$506,564 or a 8.2% increase from FY 2016. The total proposed FY 2017 increase for the ASRSD Assessment is \$757,699 or a 4.7% increase from FY 2016.

The Ayer Board of Selectmen found the proposed FY 2017 Budget and Ayer's portion of the ASRSD Assessment for FY 2017 to be reasonable and to enable the ASRSD to continue to grow and succeed as a regional school district.

R. Pontbriand thanked Dr. Malone and the School Committee for providing a three-year Capital Budget as this is something both Towns and the District have been looking for since regionalization in 2011. The

Capital Budget will allow the ASRSD and the Town's to work together to plan for capital, infrastructure, and facility improvements for the ASRSD.

The ASRSD School Committee is scheduled to take an official vote to set the FY 2017 Budget on March 1, 2016.

ASRSD School Committee member Pat Kelly stated that if the Legislature increases Ch. 70, then the assessments will be adjusted accordingly. He also thanked the Town of Ayer for voting to approve, at the Fall Special Town Meeting of 2015, the creation of a capital stabilization fund.

Finance Committee member S. Houde asked if there was an overall plan for the future of Page Hilltop Elementary School because of its overall aging condition. P. Kelly stated that the School Committee has asked Dr. Malone to start putting information together for a long-term plan.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to adjourn at 7:45 PM. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis

Minutes Approved by BOS: March 3, 2016

Christopher R. Hillman, Clerk: Chris R. Hillman