



Ayer Shirley Regional School District

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Ayer, MA 01432
Phone: (978) 772-8600

To: Town Of Ayer Board of Select Board
Via Town Manager Mr. Robert Pontbriand
Via Town Clerk Mrs. Susan Copeland

Ayer Town Hall

1 Main Street

Ayer, MA 01432

From: Jonathan Deforge, Secretary
Ayer Shirley Regional School District School Committee
115 Washington Street
Ayer, MA 01432

Subject: Citizen Petition – Amendment of the "Agreement Between the Towns of Ayer and Shirley With Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District"

Date: March 30, 2021

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TOWN OF AYER
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Dear Town Clerk Copeland, Town Manager Pontbriand, and members of the Ayer Select Board,

As Secretary of the Ayer Shirley Regional School District (ASRSD) School Committee, I am in receipt of a Citizen Petition from the Town of Shirley Town Clerk dated March 30, 2021. This petition seeks to amend the "Agreement Between the Towns of Ayer and Shirley With Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District" (hereinafter referred to as "the agreement") by the procedure in Section XV, paragraph B of the agreement.

Per Section XV, Subsection B of the agreement, "[t]he selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual town meeting, or a special town meeting called for this and/or other purposes, an article which states the proposed amendment or the substance thereof."

Per this letter, I am asking that you and the Select Board of Ayer include the proposed amendment in the warrant for your next Town Meeting. Per the agreement, "[s]uch amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid."

The proposed amendment is included as attachment to this notice.

I ask that for record keeping purposes you acknowledge receipt of this letter and the petition by signing and dating the below.

Should you have further questions regarding this matter, I can be reached at jdeforge@asrsd.org or 774-245-2930. Please note that my term on the ASRSD School Committee expires May 4, 2021, therefore I would also ask that you CC Michelle Towne, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, on any email correspondence. Mrs. Towne can be reached at mtowne@asrsd.org or 978-772-8600 ext. 1508.

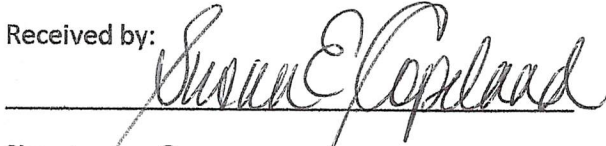
Respectfully submitted,



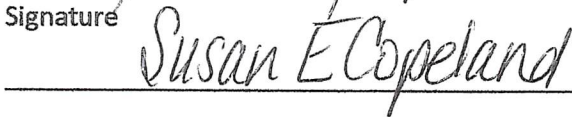
Jonathan Deforge

Ayer Shirley Regional School District School Committee, Secretary

Received by:



Signature



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7 KEADY WAY – SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS - 01464-2812
William Oelfke, Town Clerk

TEL: (978) 425-2600,x205
Fax: (978) 234-9112

DATE: March 30, 2021

TO: Jonathan Deforge, Ayer Shirley Regional School District Committee Secretary

FROM: William Oelfke, Shirley Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Citizen Petition – Amendment of the “Agreement Between the Towns of Ayer and Shirley With Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District”

Attached please find a Citizen Petition to amend the “Agreement Between the Towns of Ayer and Shirley With Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District” submitted to this office. Based on Section XV, paragraph B of the agreement, the petition must be signed by 10 percent of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. The Town of Shirley has 4,333 registered voters as of March 22, 2021 which means this petition requires a minimum of 434 certified signatures to be put on a Town Meeting warrant.

The procedures process also states that a certification by the Town Clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said Town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which are signatures of registered voters of said Town, and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the committee.

The Secretary of the committee must then mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of Selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signatures).

This letter serves as the certification by me, as Shirley Town Clerk, to you as to the number of registered voters in Shirley and the number of signatures of registered voters on the petition and you can use this as your notice in writing to the Boards of Selectmen that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN SHIRLEY: 4,333

NUMBER OF CERTIFIED SIGNATURE OF VOTERS IN SHIRLEY ON THE ATTACHED PETITION: 470

MEETS THE 10% REQUIREMENT? YES / NO

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact by phone at 978-425-2600 X 1 or by e-mail at clerk@shirley-ma.gov.

Bill Oelfke
BILL OELFKE
Town Clerk

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Jonathan Deforge
JONATHAN DEFORGE

DATE:

March 30 2021

We the petitioners wish to amend the "Agreement Between the Towns of Ayer and Shirley With Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District" which was approved in March of 2010 and amended in September/October of 2012. This amendment request will follow the procedure outlined in Section XV of the agreement, specifically amendment by petition of 10 percent of the registered voters in Shirley.

to wit:

Striking the entirety of Section X: Incurring of Debt, and replacing it with :

"The School Committee is empowered to incur debt consistent with the terms and conditions of G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16. Except for the incurring of temporary debt in anticipation of revenue, the process that appears in subsection (d) of Chapter 71, Section 16 will be followed"
