



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from April 19, 2022**

This meeting of the Ayer Select Board was held in-person at Town Hall. Members of the public attended in-person as well as remotely. An option for remote attendance/participation via Zoom was provided as a courtesy to the public.

- The Ayer Select Board (SB) Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm.
- The SB recognized the recent appointment of Deputy Chief Jennifer D. Bigelow of the Ayer Police Department. The Town Clerk administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to Deputy Chief Bigelow.
- The SB received a briefing on the MBTA Communities Act from the Town Planner. The Town Planner also provided an overview of Articles 30 and 31 of the Annual Town Meeting which address Zoning Bylaw changes.
- The SB received a briefing on the Main Street Regional Pocket Forests Pilot Project from the Director of Community and Economic Development. The SB authorized a letter of support for this project.
- The SB voted (3-0) to approve the 2022-2024 Paving and Road Treatment Contract Award on recommendation of the DPW Director. The SB voted (3-0) to approve the Woodlawn Cemetery Regulations and Fees as presented by the DPW Director. The DPW Director provided the SB with an update on various DPW projects. The DPW Director discussing the Town's water conservation measures with the SB.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Town since the Select Board last met on April 5, 2022. The SB voted (3-0) to appoint three individuals on recommendation of the Town Manager to the Recycling Committee. The Town Manager provided a brief update on the FY 2023 Budget and **Town Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School.**
- The SB received an update on the Devens Framework Committee from Select Board Member J. Livingston and requested two letters from the SB: one to MassDevelopment regarding their recent withdrawal from the Committee; and one to invite the Select Boards of Harvard and Shirley to Ayer for a public discussion on the future of Devens.

- Select Board Member S. Houde raised the issues/concerns of truck traffic in Town. Town Administration to investigate these issues/concerns and report back to a future SB meeting for further review and discussion by the SB.
- The SB voted (3-0) by Roll Call Vote: (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel Negotiations) Water and Sewer Superintendent Contract; Deputy Police Chief Contract and to adjourn for the evening at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

**(Note: The Select Board Meeting Highlights are for public informational purposes only and do not constitute an official record of the Select Board nor do they constitute the official meeting minutes.)*

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School. For more information on Town Meeting and the Town Meeting Warrant please visit the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us or contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-772-8220 x100 or at tm@ayer.ma.us

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on May 3, 2022, at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting at Town Hall with an option for the public to attend/participate remotely via Zoom.