



## Town of Ayer

### **\*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from April 20, 2021**

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law; Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberation "though adequate, alternative means".*

- The Ayer Select Board (SB) Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm. The meeting was conducted using public remote participation technology which consisted of a live broadcast of the meeting on Channel 8 as well as a live stream on [www.ayerpublicaccess.org](http://www.ayerpublicaccess.org) and by Zoom conferencing technology. The Public was instructed to call in remotely to a teleconference number or via Zoom conferencing technology if they wanted to provide any public input or ask any questions.
- The SB voted met with the Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee to discuss the Town Meeting Petition Article to amend the Regional School Agreement as brought forth by residents of Shirley. The School Committee does not currently support the changes proposed by the Petition and the SB voted at their April 6 meeting to not recommend the Petition Article.
- The SB received a presentation from the DPW Superintendent on the proposed updates to the Sewer Rules and Regulations which were last updated in 1998. The Sewer Rules and Regulations will be posted on the Town's website at [www.ayer.ma.us](http://www.ayer.ma.us) for public review and comment with a deadline of May 7, 2021.
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- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the Spectacle Pond Wellfield PFAS Treatment Plant Change Order #1 in the amount of \$49,282. The SB received an updated from the DPW Superintendent on the Westford Road Sewer.
- The SB received an update on the Town's Water Conservation Plan from the DPW Superintendent. With the Grove Pond PFAS treatment in place the DPW recommends resuming typical water conservation measures as follows:
  - Mandatory – No outside water use between 9am and 5pm
  - Mandatory – Odd/Even Outside Water Restriction (even numbered street address water on even numbered dates and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates)
  - Voluntary- Curb water use and conserve water
  - Voluntary- No Outside Water Use on Sundays

- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to authorize a mandatory ban on no outside water use between 9am and 5pm and the mandatory odd/even outdoor water restriction as recommended by the DPW.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The SB received a COVID-19 Preparedness Update and Town Reopening Plan Update from the Town Manager.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to September 30, 2021 on recommendation of the Town Manager and the Benefits & Payroll Manager.
- The Town Manager provided an update on the Annual Town Meeting to take place on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School.
- The SB discussed the status of the Juneteenth Holiday with the Town Manager and Benefits & Payroll Manager.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the March 30, 2021 meeting minutes.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm.

*\*(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 next meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00pm*

*The Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School*

*The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the Ayer Town Hall*