



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from April 6, 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 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 (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to layout Trevor Trail for consideration by Town Meeting on April 26, 2021. The SB received a brief overview of Town Meeting Articles 29, 30, and 31 from the Town Engineer.
- The Ayer Finance Committee called to order at 6:35pm for the purposes of participating in the review and approval for the FY 2022 Budget for Town Meeting and the review of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- The Select Board and Finance Committee reviewed the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant; the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; and the FY 2022 Budget in preparation for Town Meeting on April 26, 2021.
- The Finance Committee voted (3-0) by roll call vote (M. Smith, Y; T. Harvell, Y; L. Conrad, Y) to recommend all the financial related Articles for the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant and the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant including Article 4 (FY 2022 Omnibus Budget).
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant and the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant including Article 4 (FY 2022 Omnibus Budget).
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to take the official position of not recommending the Petition Article on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant which seeks to amend the Regional School Agreement.
- The Finance Committee voted (3-0) by roll call vote (M. Smith, Y; T. Harvell, Y; L. Conrad, Y) to adjourn.

- The SB received a brief Administrative Update and COVID-19 Preparedness Update including an update on the Town's Reopening Plan from the Town Manager.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the meeting minutes form March 16, 2021.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #3 (Union Contract Negotiations) Police Patrol and Dispatch Contract MOAs 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 next meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, April 20, 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