



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from August 17, 2021**

- The Ayer Select Board (SB) Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm.
- The SB recognized Lieutenant Charles “Chuck” R. Dillion of the Ayer Fire Department upon his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ayer.
- The SB received Public Input from Attorney Connie Sullivan and residents of Devenscrest.
- The SB received an update from the Conservation Commission.
- The SB voted (2-0) to ratify the Town Manager’s appointment of Dr. Katie Petrossi, Ph.D. as COA/Senior Center Director effective September 1, 2021.
- The SB voted (2-0) to execute the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of \$2,489,890 to Winston Builders. The SB voted (2-0) to accept the streets voted at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting as public ways.
- The SB voted (2-0) to ratify the Town Manager’s appointment of Mr. Dan Van Schalkwyk, P.E. as Director of Public Works effective October 1, 2021.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Town since the SB last met on July 14, 2021. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Mr. Dennis Curran to the Council on Aging (COA) Board. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Mr. Alan Manoian, Director of Community and Economic Development as the Staff Representative to the Disabilities Commission. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Ms. Patricia Bagni-Latimer to the Ayer Affordable Housing Trust. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Mr. James Stephen to the Affordable Housing Trust as the representative from the Affordable Housing Committee.
- The SB received an update on the “Heart of Hometown Festival” scheduled for October 2, 2021, from Alan Manoian, Director of Community and Economic Development.
- The SB voted (2-0) to authorize \$ 3,756 from UDAG Funding for the purposes of funding the FY 2022 salary adjustment for the position of Community Development Program Manager as recommended by the Town Manager.

- The SB discussed the issue of remote participation for public meetings due to recent trends with COVID-19. No action was taken. To be discussed further at the September 7, 2021, SB Meeting. The SB reviewed and discussed the DRAFT 2021-2022 Budget Schedule as presented by the Town Manager. No action taken. To be discussed further at the September 7, 2021, SB Meeting.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve the South Bay Addition Removal Agreement for the Central Fire Station.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve the meeting minutes from June 15, 2021, and July 14, 2021.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21A, Exemption #2 (Non-Union Negotiations) Senior Center/COA Director Contract; Exemption #2 (Non-Union Negotiations) DPW Director Contract; Exemption #3 (Litigation Strategy) National Opioid Litigation Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Plan 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, September 7, 2021, at 6:00pm