



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from August 18, 2020**

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 Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Ayer Town Hall 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 Select Board (SB) voted (2-0) to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$14,400 for the Main Street lighting project. The SB voted (2-0) to approve the authority to proceed for the Spectacle Pond PFAS project. The SB voted (2-0) to approve the agreement for participation in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition.
- The SB received a Master Plan Quarterly Update from the Director of Community and Economic Development. The SB voted (2-0) to approve the FY 2021 UDAG portion of the Community and Economic Development Office budget in the amount of \$134,229. The SB voted (2-0) to approve and issue a letter of support for the West Main Street MassWorks Grant application.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Administration since the SB last met on July 14, 2020. This Administrative Update also included a COVID-19 Update on the various ongoing COVID-19 preparedness activities of the Town. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Select Board Member Copeland to the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee.
- The SB received an update from the Town Manager and the Police Chief regarding the ongoing planning of a Community/Police Forum to be facilitated by the SB and held in September.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve and issue a letter of support for the Sandy Pond School Association's CPC application for Phase II of the historic preservation and renovation of the Sandy Pond Schoolhouse. The SB voted (2-0) to approve the easement of deed for 0 Park Street. The SB voted (2-0) to execute the National Grid Easement for Groton Street as approved by the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The SB voted (2-0) to reauthorize \$7,450 in previously approved UDAG Funds from the Worthen Dale eminent domain lawsuit for the purposes of the landscaping of Depot Square.

- The SB voted (2-0) to open the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant. *(Note: The Fall Special Town Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7pm in the ASRSD High School Auditorium.)*
- The SB rescheduled its September 1, 2020 meeting (due to the Sept. 1st State Primary Election) to Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30pm.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2020.
- The SB voted (2-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.

**(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 Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30pm