



## Town of Ayer

### **\*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from December 7, 2021**

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Act of 2021, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law (OML), 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 SB received an update on the Ayer Rental Assistance Program from the Program Manager of the Ayer Office of Community and Economic Development.
- The SB conducted the FY 2022 Tax Classification Hearing. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote not to adopt the Open Space Discount. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote not to adopt the Residential Exemption. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote not to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to set the FY 2022 CIP Shift Factor at 1.57 and the Residential Factor at 0.744810 (*Note: This will set the Residential Tax Rate at \$13.42 and the Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property Rate at \$28.28 for FY 2022*)
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to authorize up to \$700,000 in ARPA Funds for the Westford Road Sewer Project.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The SB received a FY 2023 Budget Update from the Town Manager focusing on proposed staffing increases for FY 2023. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to authorize a burial in the Town Section of the Woodlawn Cemetery. The SB voted (3-0) to approve the 2022 Annual License Renewals. The SB discussed the January 2022 Select Board Meeting Schedule. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount \$76,701 for the replacement of the Police Chief's Cruiser.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to approve the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm.

*\*(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, December 21, 2021, at 6:00pm via Zoom for remote participation.*