



Town of Ayer

*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from February 18, 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 Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 5:00pm. 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 officially received formal citations from the Governor, State Legislature, Congresswoman, and the USS Constitution commemorating Ayer's Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary on February 14, 2021). The presentations were made by the Director of Community and Economic Development. State Senator Jamie Eldridge was present to offer official congratulations from the State Legislature. The citations will be kept and displayed at the Ayer Town Hall.
- The SB received a presentation from Catania Spagna regarding their proposed expansion at 1 Nemco Way and their intention to request Tax Incremental Financing (a TIF) from the Town for this expansion.
- The SB received an update from the Program Manager of the Community and Economic Development Office regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw update.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the Street Opening and Driveway/Accessway Permit Regulations.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the contract in the amount of \$97,500 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Alum Flow Pacing.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve Change Order 1 for the Spectacle Pond Well 1A Replacement Well in the amount of \$9,420.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve Changer Order 2 for the Grove Pond PFAS Treatment Facility for a credit in the amount of \$17,957.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve Change Order 2 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade in the amount of \$12,378.

- The SB received a presentation from the DPW Superintendent regarding two proposed positions for the Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds: Assistant Superintendent for Water and Sewer and a part-time Water and Sewer Billing Clerk.
- The SB received an Administrative Update and COVID-19 Preparedness Update from the Town Manager. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to adopt the recommendation made by the Town Manager and Benefits and Payroll Manager for a FY 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2% for FY 2022 for all Non-Union Personnel; Call Firefighters; and Elected Officials Stipends.
- The SB discussed with the Town Manager a request from the Trustees of the Wood Lawn Cemetery to transfer the ownership, operations, and funds of the Wood Law Cemetery to the Town of Ayer.
- The Town Manager provided a brief update on the FY 2022 Budget and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to the SB. The next Budget Public Forum will take place on March 8, 2021 at 6pm on Zoom. The deadline for all Warrant Articles and Citizens Petitions is 12pm (Noon) on Friday, April 2, 2021. The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7pm.
- Under New Business, Select Board Member S. Houde discussed the SB recognizing more community groups and members of the community such as Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others at SB meetings in the future.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the February 2, 2021 meeting minutes.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

**(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, March 2, 2021 at 6:00pm