



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from January 18, 2022**

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 Public Input from the Town Moderator that the Town currently has two vacancies on the Finance Committee. Interested applicants should contact the Town Moderator at joconor@ayer.ma.us
- The SB conducted a Public Hearing for the Application for Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Gases and Solids License for ENI Fitchburg Road, LLC. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to continue the Public Hearing to February 1, 2022, at 6:05pm.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to open the 2022 Annual Town Election to take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to authorize up to \$600,000 in ARPA Funds for the Spectacle Pond Water Transmission Line.
- The SB received a presentation on the Ayer Tree Inventory and Management Plan.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to open the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. *(Note: The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School)*
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to appoint Mr. Roger Martel as the Tenant Representative of the Ayer Housing Authority.
- The Town Manager announced the First Public Forum on the FY 2023 Budget to take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6pm on Zoom. The Town Manager provided a brief update from the Nashua River Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to approve up to \$65,000 from UDAG Funds for the completion of Depot Square as recommended by the Capital Planning Committee.

- Under New Business, Select Board Member S. Houde initiated a discussion on the Town's 5-Year Capital Plan and Future Debt Exclusion Projects.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to approve the meeting minutes from December 21, 2021.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

**(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 First Public Budget Forum on the FY 2023 Budget will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6:00pm via Zoom for remote participation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00pm via Zoom for remote participation.