



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from March 1, 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 formerly recognized and thanked Ms. Lisa Gabree, Finance Manager/Town Accountant for her dedicated years of service to the Town of Ayer on her retirement.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Mr. Fred Aponte as Finance Manager/Town Accountant effective April 4, 2022.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to approve Change Order #2 for the Spectacle Pond Water Treatment Plant-PFAS Treatment Facilities in the amount of \$4,488. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to execute the contract in the amount of \$60,310 to Mass Bay Electrical Corp. for the Main Street Streetlight Improvements.
- The Town Manager provided a presentation an update on DRAFT #2 of the FY 2023 Omnibus Budget. *(Note: All FY 2023 Budget Information is available on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us/budget)* **The Second FY 2023 Budget Public Forum will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6pm on Zoom.**
- The Town Manager provided an Administrative Update on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Town since the SB last met on February 15, 2022. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to approve the License Agreement for Woodlawn Cemetery. The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to approve the Determination and Consent Form as requested by Town Counsel.
- The SB discussed the plan for resuming in-person meetings. The SB decided on a target date for April 1, 2022, for in-person meetings as well as providing a hybrid Zoom option for the public to participate either remotely or in person. The SB will receive an update on the plan at their next meeting on March 15, 2022. *(Note: The Governor extended the emergency provisions of the Open Meeting Law allowing remote participation until July 15, 2022).*

- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel) and Exemption #3 (Union Contract Negotiations) 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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00pm via Zoom for remote participation. The Public Hearing for the FY 2023 Water and Sewer Rates will take place at 6:15pm via Zoom as part of the March 15, 2022, Select Board Meeting.

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