



## Town of Ayer

### **\*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from March 15, 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 NVTHS Appointing Committee consisting of the Town Moderator, SB, and Ayer Members of the School Committee voted (5-0) by roll call vote to reappoint Mr. Chris Prehl to the NVTHS School Committee as Ayer's Primary Representative and to reappoint Mr. Cory Prehl as the Alternate Member to the NVTHS School Committee. Both reappointments are for three-year terms.
- The SB conducted the Public Hearing on the FY 2023 Water and Sewer Rates. On recommendation of the Rate Review Committee, the Select Board voted (3-0) by roll call vote to adopt the Rate Review Committee's recommendations to raise the Water Rates and Sewer Rates by 2% effective July 1, 2022. *(Note: The presentation is available in the Select Board Packet for March 15, 2022, on the Town's website at [www.ayer.ma.us](http://www.ayer.ma.us))*
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote on recommendation of the Director of Economic and Community Development to include the Town of Ayer in the MRPC Regional Trucking/Freight Traffic Impact Study.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote on recommendation of the DPW Director to award the Westford Road Water and Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$572,500 to Cardillo. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to execute the contract in the amount of \$168,845 to CHB for the Birch and McDowell Street water and drain improvements. The Select Board received an update on the West Main Street Bridget Replacement.
- The SB received and Administrative Update and FY 2023 Budget Update from the Town Manager. The SB also received an update on the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote on recommendation by the Town Manager to authorize up to \$15,000 from the Town's ARPA Funds to hire the firm of CLA to serve as the Town's ARPA Funding Consultant. The SB received an update from the Town Manager regarding the Town's proposed plan for public meetings effective April 1, 2022.

- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2022.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #3 (Union Contract Negotiations) for review and ratification of the DPW Contract MOA 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, April 5, 2022, at 6:00pm. This meeting will be in-person with remote participation available for the Public on Zoom. The Public may attend in-person at Town Hall or participate remotely on Zoom.*