



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from May 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 (SB) Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm. 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 recognized and thanked Ms. Laurie Sabol upon her retirement from the Ayer Recycling Committee and for all of her dedicated volunteerism and service to the Town.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the sale of general obligation bonds on recommendation of the Treasurer/Tax Collector, Finance Manager, and Town Bond Counsel.
- The SB received a Master Plan Implementation Update from the Director of Community and Economic Development.
- The SB received and Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The SB received a COVID-19 Preparedness Update and Town Reopening Plan Update from the Town Manager. Town buildings/facilities will reopen to the Public on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Masks and social distancing will still be required of all Employees and the Public when inside Town buildings/facilities.
- The SB received a presentation from Select Board Member S. Houde regarding the Devens Review Committee.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes.
- The SB reorganized the Select Board Officers for the upcoming year (2021-2022) as follows: S. Copeland, Chair by a (2-1) roll call vote (S. Copeland, Abstained; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y). S. Houde as Vice Chair and J. Livingston as Clerk by a (3-0) roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y.)

- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm

**(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, June 1, 2021 at 6:00pm