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*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from May 4, 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 conducted a Public Hearing for a Pole Petition located at Littleton Road/Curley Circle. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the Pole Petition.
- The SB received a proposal from the DPW Superintendent for the 2021 Youthworks Program and voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to authorize the 2021 Youthworks Program.
- The SB received and Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote to appoint the following members to the Ayer Affordable Housing Trust on recommendation of the Affordable Housing Committee and Town Manager:

Cyndi Lavin; Jake Driscoll; Jennifer Cali; Geoffrey Tillotson (Planning Board Rep); Collen Krieser (CPC Rep); Shaun Copeland (Select Board Rep)

- The SB received a COVID-19 Preparedness Update and Town Reopening Plan Update from the Town Manager. The Town Hall will be open on May 11, 2021 from 7am to 8pm for voting in the Annual Town Election only (all Town Offices will be closed).
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to add Juneteenth (June 19) which is a State Holiday to be officially recognized as a State Holiday in the Town of Ayer and to be included in the Town of Ayer Personnel Policies as a holiday.
- The SB had an initial discussion about Select Board Goals and Objectives for the upcoming year (2021-2022).

- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes.
- The SB voted (3-0) by roll call vote (S. Copeland, Y; S. Houde, Y; J. Livingston, Y) to adjourn the meeting.

*(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, May 18, 2021 at 6:00pm

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 7 am to 8pm at the Ayer Town Hall