



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from September 15, 2020**

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 Meeting was called to order in Open Session at 6:00pm in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Ayer Town Hall 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 Select Board (SB) received a presentation on the Town's water and wastewater capacity from the DPW Superintendent.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Administration since the SB last met on August 18, 2020. The SB received a COVID-19 Update from the Town Manager on the ongoing COVID-19 preparedness of the Town. The SB voted (2-0) to appoint Ms. Barbara Tierney, Treasurer/Tax Collector as the Town's Alternate Member of the Minuteman Nashoba Health Group. The SB voted (2-0) to approve and sign a letter for the UXO Study on the Nashua River.
- The SB selected Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6pm for the Ayer Police Forum which will be held remotely on the Town's Zoom meeting platform. More information and publicity of the forum to be forthcoming.
- The SB reviewed and discussed the DRAFT FY 2022 Budget and Town Meeting Calendar with the Town Manager. The DRAFT will continue to be developed and will be reviewed/discussed further at the October 6 SB Meeting. The SB discussed the upcoming Fall Special Town Meeting to be held on October 26 and reviewed the Warrant Articles submitted to date. The deadline for all Warrant Articles and Citizens Petitions is October 2, 2020 at 12pm (Noon). The SB voted (2-0) to approve and sign the Conservation Restriction for the John Carroll Preserve (54 and 56 Littleton Road). The SB voted (2-0) to approve the meeting minutes from August 18, 2020.
- The SB voted (2-0) by roll call vote (S. Houde, Yes; J. Livingston, Yes) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #6 (To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property) 211 West Main Street Parcel 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 meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00pm