



## Town of Ayer

### **\*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from April 16, 2024**

*This meeting of the Ayer Select Board was held in-person at the Ayer Town Hall with a remote participation option on Zoom for the Public.*

- The Select Board (SB) Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in Open Session.
- The SB received an update on the Sandy Pond Schoolhouse project and their upcoming community event on May 18, 2024 at the Schoolhouse.
- The SB conducted a public hearing for a proposed out of town sewer service extension for 254-260 Ayer Road, Littleton subject to Town Meeting approval. The SB voted (2-0) to recommend the matter to Town Meeting on April 22, 2024.
- The SB received a presentation on the Pocket Forest Project Update and their upcoming community event on April 27, 2024 from 11am to 2pm. *(Note: The Pocket Forest is located at the corner of Main St. and East Main St.)* The Earth Day event on April 22, 2024 on Macpherson Road was also announced.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve Change Order #1 for the Sandy Pond Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project representing a reduction of \$429,292.32 from the original contract price of \$1,743,160.00. The SB voted (2-0) to authorize the DPW to install and maintain traffic stop signage at the approaches to Coolidge Road from both Summit Ave. and Wachusett Ave. West on recommendation of the DPW Director and Police Chief.
- The SB received a drinking water supply update from the DPW Director. The SB voted (2-0) on recommendation of the DPW Director to implement the Outdoor Water Use Restrictions, effective May 1<sup>st</sup> consisting of mandatory no outside water use between 9 AM and 5 PM and mandatory Odd/Even outside water restriction (even numbered street address water on even numbered dates and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates) The SB received a PFAS update from the DPW Director.
- The SB received an update from the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief on the Town's pending application for a SAFER grant to cover the costs of additional proposed wage scale adjustments as well as training and equipment costs for new firefighter recruits. The Fire Chief announced that the Fire Department received a grant in the amount of \$15,748 from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts to purchase a second transport ventilator for use by the Fire Department's ambulance service.

- The SB received an Administrative update from the Town Manager to include an update for the Annual Town Meeting to take place on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School. The SB also received an update on the Town's ARPA Funds.
- The SB voted (2-0) to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2024 and from April 2, 2024.
- The SB adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.

*\*(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 Annual Town Meeting takes place on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School. For more information or to view the Town Meeting Warrant, please visit [www.ayer.ma.us/townmeeting](http://www.ayer.ma.us/townmeeting) or call the Town Manager's Office at 978-772-8220 ext. 100**

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6pm in-person at Town Hall and on Zoom.*