



## Town of Ayer

### **\*Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from June 30, 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 "through 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](http://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 discussed a proposed plastic bag ban bylaw with Laurie Sabol, Chair of the Ayer Recycling Committee.
- The Town Manager and Fire Chief presented Fire Captain Timothy Johnston as the newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief effective July 1, 2020.
- The Select Board voted (3-0) to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$57,420 for the FY 2020 Water and Drain Improvements. The Select Board voted (3-0) to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$15,403 for the Recreation Department Garage Project. The Select Board received a MS4 Stormwater Permit Update from the Town Engineer. The Select Board voted (3-0) to award the contract in the amount of \$300,000 for Spectacle Pond Well No. 1 Replacement.
- The Select Board received the Town Manager's Report which consisted of an update on the Town's ongoing COVID-19 Preparedness. The Town Manager reviewed the June 15, 2020 Annual Town Meeting with the Select Board and presented a memo with several recommended changes/improvements for future Town Meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The Select Board voted (3-0) to reappoint various individuals to Town Boards/Committees as recommended by the Town Manager in a memo prepared by the Assistant Town Manager.
- The Select Board voted (3-0) to approve a confirmatory quitclaim deed for 0 Park Street as prepared by Town Counsel and on recommendation of the Town Manager.
- The Select Board received an update from Select Board Member Houde regarding the Ayer Shirley Regional High School Field Project.

- Select Board Member Copeland presented the idea of a future Community Meeting facilitated by the Select Board with Police Chief Murray regarding the various issues of community, diversity, equity, community-police relations and as an opportunity for communication and dialogue during this challenging and unprecedented time. The Select Board agreed to the idea for the near future.
- The Select Board voted (3-0) to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2020.
- The Select Board voted by roll call vote (Copeland, Y; Houde, Y; Livingston, Y) to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel Negotiations) for the Deputy Fire Chief Personal Services Contract and the Council on Aging Director's Personal Services Contract and to adjourn for the evening at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

*\*(Note: The BOS Meeting Highlights are for public informational purposes only and do not constitute an official record of the BOS nor do they constitute the official meeting minutes.)*

*The next meeting of the Ayer BOS will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6pm*