



Town of Ayer

***Ayer Select Board Meeting Highlights from September 19, 2023**

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 observed a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Fire Chief Paul Fillebrown, Sr. (Retired).
- The SB voted (3-0) to approve the common victualler's license and entertainment license for the Pleasant Street Café, Inc. of Ayer – 7 Depot Square, Ayer.
- The SB voted (3-0) to approve the general obligation municipal purpose loan of 2023 bonds on recommendation of the Finance Manager.
- The SB voted (3-0) to authorize the Department of Community and Economic Development to apply for a FY 2024 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. The SB voted (3-0) to approve the Housing Rehabilitation Program Income for general use in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The SB voted (3-0) to authorize a letter of support for the 65 Fitchburg Road, NOAH, 40B affordable housing project.
- The SB voted (3-0) to authorize the UDAG portion of the FY 2024 Ayer Office of Community and Economic Development Office Budget on recommendation of the Director of Community and Economic Development.
- The SB voted (3-0) to award the contract for the Sandy Pond Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,743,160 to Vortex Services on recommendation of the DPW Director. The SB received a water supply update from the DPW Director.
- The SB received a presentation from the Police Chief on Law Enforcement through Restorative Justice (C4RJ). The SB received a presentation on the proposed Bylaw Amendments to the Dog Bylaw and the Transient Merchant Bylaw for the Fall Special Town Meeting.
- The SB received an Administrative Update from the Town Manager. The SB voted (3-0) to appoint Andrew Loven of Ayer to the Rate Review Committee. The SB received an update on the State's Migrant Shelter from the Town Manager. The Town Manager discussed the FY 2025 Budget Process and DRAFT FY 2025 Budget Schedule with the Select Board.

- The Town Manager provided an update on the 2023 Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant. The SB voted (3-0) to authorize up to \$75,000 from the Town's ARPA Funds for the Library Boiler Replacement Project.
- The SB voted (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm.

**(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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Ayer Select Board will be on October 3, 2023, at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a remote participation option on Zoom for the Public.

The 2023 Fall Special Town Meeting will take place on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7pm in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School.