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#### Town of Ayer Board of Selectmen Ayer Town Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room Ayer, MA 01432



Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Executive Session Meeting Agenda

6:00 PM

Call to Order in Open Session

Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A

Exemption #3 (Collective Bargaining) APPOA Step 4 Grievance

Exemption #6 (Strategy regarding the Contemplation of the Acquisition of Real Property) Eminent Domain

Adjourn from Executive Session

#### <u>Tuesday, January 5, 2016</u> <u>Open Session Meeting Agenda</u>

7:00 PM

Call to Order

Review and Approve Agenda; Announcements

7:05 PM\*

Public Input

7:10 PM

Joint Public Safety Meeting with Town of Littleton Board of Selectmen

Willow Road/2A Intersection

8:00 PM

Discussion on Depot Square Access Property

1. Release of December 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

2. Review and Ratification of Action(s) taken at December 29, 2015 Meeting

8:10 PM

Town Administrator's Report

1. Administrative Update

2. Appointments

3. MMA Voting Delegate

4. Update on 2015-2016 Town Administrator's Goals and Objectives

8:25 PM

New Business/Selectmen's Questions

8:30 PM

Approval Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2015

Adjournment

## Office of the Ayer Board of Selectmen Office of the Ayer Town Administrator



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 30, 2015

TO: Ayer Board of Selectmen

FROM: Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Joint Public Safety Meeting with Town of Littleton Board of Selectmen Re: Willow Road/Route 2A Intersection on January 5, 2016

Dear Honorable Selectmen,

As the Board is aware, the Towns of Ayer and Littleton at the suggestion of Selectman Hillman and Littleton Selectman Jim Karr have been working together to put together a proposal for the signalization and improvement of the Willow Road/Route 2A Intersection in Littleton. This intersection has been rated the sixth worst in Littleton and the current conditions continue to pose significant public safety and transportation issues for Ayer, Littleton, and the Region. As part of this effort the Littleton Board of Selectmen will join the Ayer Board of Selectmen at your January 5, 2016 Board Meeting for a public presentation on a proposal to improve this intersection.

Attached is a copy of the power-point of the presentation for January 5, 2016 (See Attached). Additionally, it has been suggested that the Board consider at the conclusion of the presentation making the following motion:

"That the Ayer and Littleton Boards of Selectmen jointly vote to request that MassDOT provide signalization and improvements to the intersection of Littleton-Ayer Road (Rt. 2A / 110), Willow Road, and Bruce Street at the Littleton/Ayer town line as an urgent matter of public safety; and further to request the assistance of our state legislative delegations in scheduling a meeting with MassDOT to discuss this joint request."

The Littleton Board of Selectmen will be holding a similar public meeting on January 11, 2016 at 6:45pm at which they will consider the same above stated motion and the Ayer Board of Selectmen are to join them for their meeting at the Littleton Town Offices.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or the attached presentation material, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you.

Attachment: Power-point presentation

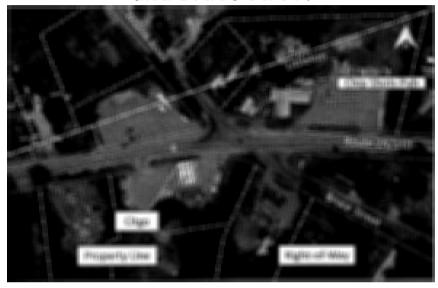
## Littleton and Ayer, Massachusetts Joint Intersection Remediation Project

Littleton-Ayer Road [Rt. 2A / 110], Willow Road, Bruce Street Intersection

## **Project Description**

- This is a joint project between the Towns of Ayer and Littleton Massachusetts to solve a roadway issue that affects both communities.
- The intersection of Ayer Road at Willow Road and Bruce Street has seen a steady increase in accidents and traffic over the last 5 years.
- Daily vehicle traffic effects both Ayer and Littleton residents on a daily basis.
- Roadways under MassDOT jurisdiction

# Intersection Ayer Road, Willow Road and Bruce Street

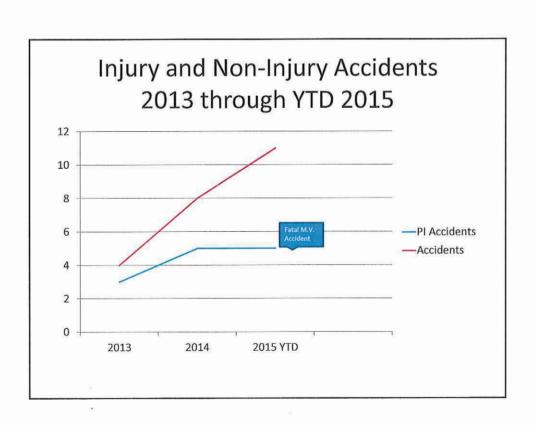


## **Intersection Facts**

- Route 2A Ayer Road handles 14,500 (average) vehicles per day.
- Willow Road handles 4,440 (average) vehicles per day
- Bruce Street Handles 560 (average) vehicles per day

## Intersection Issues

- Access control is poorly defined within the intersection
- Skew angle of Willow Road and Bruce Street to Ayer Road (Route 2A)
- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on Route 2A is 51 MPH
- High traffic volumes and speeds on Ayer Road do not provide sufficient gaps for Willow Road left turning traffic in AM Peak.
- · Significant accident history



# Commercial Properties Connecting to Willow Road



# Ayer Economic & Residential Impacts Willow Road Intersection

- 63 Business and Industries on Willow Road, Westford Road, and Nemco Way are currently impacted by the traffic conditions at the intersection
- The intersection is used by commuters and workers travelling from Ayer, Groton and Communities to the North to access Route 2A and Route 110
- 158 Residential Properties are currently impacted by the traffic conditions at the intersection
- Reconfiguration and signalization of this intersection will improve traffic flow, traffic safety, and facilitate commerce in Ayer, Littleton, Groton, and the Region

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### Route 2A&110/Willow Road/Bruce Street intersection

For the 2009 No-Build scenario, weekday AM/PM peak hour LOS for the southbound left-turn movement at this unsignalized intersection will be at Levels F/F (Average Delay =>50/>50 seconds). The 2009 Build without traffic mitigation scenario indicates that LOS for this movement will be at Levels F/F (Average Delay =>50/>50 seconds) during the weekday AM/PM peak hours.

Prior to the occupancy of Phase IV of the project, the proponent will modify the geometry of this intersection in accordance with conceptual and 100 percent plans to be submitted to and approved by MassHighway. This plan will be refined as the design progresses to the 100 percent level. Planned improvements at this location include the widening of Willow Street to include two southbound departure lanes. The project proponent will also install new pavement markings and stop sign.

# Aftermath of Crash November 2015



# Lowell Sun Coverage of Ayer Road & Willow Road, Bruce Street Intersection



## Warrant Analyses

- For a signal to be recommended, an intersection must meet at least one of nine warrants as outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- Three are based on vehicular volume thresholds, two are based on pedestrian volumes, and one is based on crash history.
- The remaining three are dependent upon specific conditions, such as a being located along a corridor of coordinated traffic signals or being in close proximity to a railroad crossing.

## Warrant Analyses

- MassDOT expects that, at a minimum,
   Warrant 1 (Eight-hour vehicular volume)
   should be met, especially for a roadway under their jurisdiction.
- Warrant Analyses were performed and 4 warrants are met

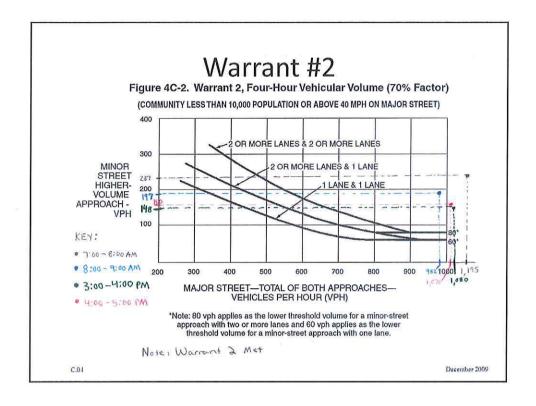
# Warrant Analyses

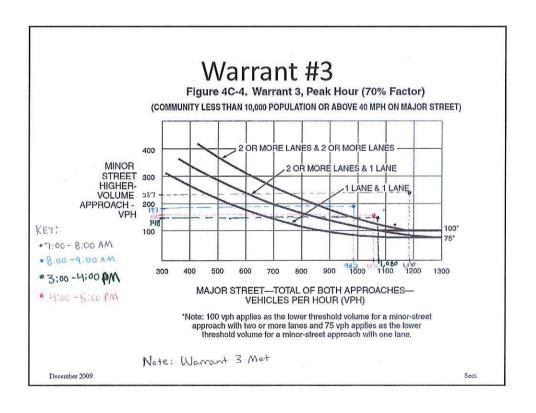
Warrant Number	Warrant Criteria Met?
Warrant 1, Eight-Hour Vehicular Volume	YES
Warrant 2, Four-Hour Vehicular Volume	YES
Warrant 3, Peak Hour	YES
Warrant 4, Pedestrian Volume	NO
Warrant 5, School Crossing	N/A
Warrant 6, Coordinated Signal System	N/A
Warrant 7, Crash Experience	YES
Warrant 8, Roadway Network	N/A
Warrant 9, Intersection Near a Grade Crossing	N/A

## Warrant #1

Green International Affiliates, Inc. Ayer Rd (Route 2A/110) / Willow Road Littleton, MA Traffic Counts from November 2015

2015 Existing Traffic Volumes							Condition A Thresholds	Condition B Thresholds
ii ii	Vehicles per hour on major street (total of both approaches)						350	525
		Vehicle	es per hour on h	igher-volume min	or-street approach	(one direction only)	105	53
ii ii	Aver Road (Route 2A/110) Willow Rd Bruce St Aver Rd Willow/Bruce							
	E8 approach	WB approach	SB approach	NB approach	Total of Both	Higher of two	condition A met?	condition 8 met
12:00 AM to 01:00 AM	22	49	7	Dimension.	71	7	no	no
01:00 AM to 02:00 AM	56	15	5		71	5	no	no
02:00 AM to 03:00 AM	16	23	6		39	6	no	no
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04:00 AM to 05:00 AM	71	61	25	Mary Hall	132	25	no no	nd
05:00 AM to 06:00 AM	246	156	83		402	83	no	no
06:00 AM to 07:00 AM	604	333	169	1-11	937	169	yes	yes
07:00 AM to 08:00 AM	803	387	237		1195	237	yes	yes
08:00 AM to 09:00 AM	630	352	197		932	197	yes	yes
09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	353	364	156		717	156	Yes	yes
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	300	324	91	HER VALUE	624	91	no	yes
11:00AM to 12:00PM	327	327	122		654	122	yes	yes
12:00PM to 01:00PM	344	406	117		750	117	yes	yes
01:00PM to 02:00PM	329	358	83		687	88	na	yes
02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	356	423	118	Mirel Hills (	779	118	yes	yes
03:00 PM to 04:00 PM	464	616	148		1080	148	yes	yes
04:00PM to 05:00PM	374	696	150		1070	150	yes	yes.
05:00 PM to 06:00 PM	312	779	122		1091	122	yes	yes
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07:00PM to 03:00PM	136	336	42		472	42	no	no
08:00 PM to 09:00 PM	81	249	33	muees!	330	33	no	no
09:00PM to 10:00PM	81	150	19		261	19	no	no
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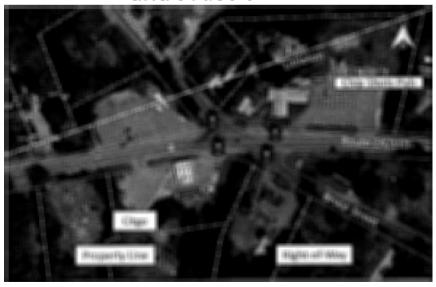




## **Ideal Intersection Configuration**

- Install traffic signal
  - Provide separate left turn lanes for each Ayer Road approach for improved safety (to minimize rear end collisions)
  - Provide a dedicated left turn lane and a shared through and right lane on Willow Road (for improved operations and safety)
  - Provide a single shared lane on Bruce Street
- · Implement some level of access control

# Intersection Ayer Road, Willow Road and Bruce Street



## **Next Steps**

- Present findings to legislators to gain political support
- MassDOT advances project to construction
  - Prepare a "Functional Design Report" that outlines alternatives and recommendations
  - Prepare 25% Design Plans based on approved alterative
  - Hold Public Hearing to obtain input
  - Advance approved design to 100% Design and construct project

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 29, 2015

TO: Ayer Board of Selectmen

FROM: Robert A. Pontbriand

Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report and Administrative Update for the January 5, 2016 Ayer Board of Selectmen Meeting

Dear Honorable Selectmen,

Happy New Year! I am pleased to offer the following Town Administrator's Report and Administrative Update for the January 5, 2016 meeting of the Ayer Board of Selectmen. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you.

#### **Administrative Update:**

I will offer a brief oral Administrative Update regarding the various activities of the Administration since the December 15, 2015 BOS Meeting. Over the last three weeks the focus of the Administration has been on preparations for the FY 2017 Budget Process; working with the Town of Littleton on a proposal for signalization and traffic improvements to the Willow Road Intersection; working on various potential resolutions to enable the Ayer Commuter Rail Surface Parking and Access Project to commence; and various calendar year-end requirements.

#### Appointments:

I am respectfully recommending that the Board consider approval of the following appointments:

- 1. <u>Appointment(s) of Detail Officers</u> as recommended and submitted by Chief Murray (See Attached Memo);
- 2. <u>Ms. Janice Goodrow as a member of the Recycling Committee</u> for a term to expire on June 30, 2016

#### MMA Voting Delegate:

The Board is respectfully requested to vote to appoint a voting delegate for the Massachusetts Municipal Meeting and Convention on January 22-23, 2016. Traditionally, a Selectman that is attending is often selected. In the event that no Selectmen will be attending then the Town Administrator has served in the past. The Town Administrator and Assistant to the Town Administrator plan to attend this year's MMA Meeting as does the DPW Superintendent. Please see the attached materials.

#### Update on 2015-2016 Town Administrator's Goals and Objectives:

Attached are the 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives for the Town Administrator as mutually agreed to by the BOS and the Town Administrator. The time period for these goals and objectives is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. With the half-way mark upon us, I would like to take a few moments at the January 5, 2016 BOS Meeting to update the BOS on the status of these goals and objectives. Please see the attached goals and objectives.



## AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT



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William A. Murray
Chief of Police

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Chief William A. Murray

CC: TA Pontbriand, file Date: December 30, 2015

**Re:** Detail Officer Appointments

Daniel Adams – Dunstable Ovidiu Babu - Harvard John Coates – Harvard Charlie Chaprales – Dunstable Gordon Clark – Boxborough Edward Coffin - Harvard Matthew Cristy - Harvard Robert Dacosta – Boxborough Shawn Drinkwine – Boxborough John Dristilaris – Harvard James Dow - Dunstable Matthew Euliano - Shirley Nikki Fahlbeck - Harvard Erik Hoar – Dunstable Scott Hughes - Harvard Mark Lafferty - Shirley David Lange - Shirley Craig Laprade - Shirely

William McGuiness – Shirley Patrick Mortimer – Boxborough Warren O'Brien – Boxborough Matthew O'Sullivan – Shirley Nicholas Papageorgiou – Dunstable Timothy Ialeggio – Dunstable
Brett Pelley – Boxborough
Sean Ready – Dunstable
Greg Sanborn – Dunstable
Joseph Santiago – Shirley
Samuel Santiago – Shirley
Timothy Schaeffer – Harvard
Matthew Sech – Dunstable
Phillip Sepe – Dunstable
Jason Smith – Harvard
Gregory Steward – Dunstable
Jason Strniste – Shirley
Jeffrey Swift – Dunstable
Peter Violette – Shirley





#### MEMORANDUM

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TOWN OF AYER
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

TO:

**MIIA Members** 

FROM:

Geoffrey Beckwith, President, MIIA

DATE:

December 21, 2015

SUBJECT:

Report of the Nominating Committees

It is once again time to select nominees for Directors of the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc. and the MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc. The members for these Boards will be elected at the MIIA Annual Meeting on January 23, 2016.

The Property and Casualty Group, Inc. is the corporation that provides members with insurance coverages. The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc. is the designated administrator for the organization. Your municipality is a voting member of both corporations.

Enclosed you will find the Nominating Committee Report for each of the abovementioned organizations, a Nominating Form for each in case you wish to nominate someone else as a Director of one or more of the organizations, and a form to specify who is your "voting delegate." Please read the enclosed Requirements for Voting prior to completion of the Voting Delegate Designation Form and return that form to us as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TOWN OF AYER
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

TO:

Property and Casualty Group Members

FROM:

MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc. Nominating Committee:

Geoffrey Beckwith, Mary Pat Flynn, Kim Roy

DATE:

December 21, 2015

SUBJECT:

Nominating Committee Report

Three members of the Board of Directors of the MIIA Property and Casualty Group, Inc. are to be elected this year for two-year terms expiring in 2018. The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following candidates for nomination as members of the Board.

For two-year terms expiring January 2018:

**Paul Cohen, Town Manager, Chelmsford -** Mr. Cohen has been in municipal management for 26 years. He has been the town manager in Chelmsford since 2006 and prior to that he was the town administrator of Harvard.

William Keegan, Town Manager, Foxborough has served in local government for over thirty years including serving as town administrator in Dedham and Seekonk.

**Rocco Longo, Town Administrator, Marshfield** - Mr. Longo has extensive experience in local government, including serving as town manager in Billerica and Duxbury prior to his position in Marshfield. He has been an active member of the MMA and the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association, including participation on both boards.

#### Continuing Members:

Mary Pat Flynn, Selectman, Falmouth, Kim Roy Selectman, Halifax, and Ken Walto, Town Manager, Dalton, will continue to serve in two-year terms expiring in January 2017.

Enclosed is a Voting Delegate Form to help us prepare for the voting. MIIA would greatly appreciate your designating the voting delegate for your municipality. A nomination form is also enclosed.

Please contact Stan Corcoran at 617-426-7272 ext. 244 if you have any questions on the election process.

#### MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP, INC.

#### **NOMINATING FORM**

If you are an eligible voting delegate and wish to nominate someone other than the nominees listed in the committee's report, who is also an eligible voting delegate, please indicate the person's name in the space below. The nomination ballot must be received by January 11, 2016, twelve (12) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Name: Title: City/Town: Biographical Data: Voting Delegate of Name (please print) (City/Town)	OR OF
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Voting Delegate of	
Name (also a survival)	
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Signature	
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Stanley J. Corcoran
Executive Vice President
Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association
One Winthrop Square
Boston, MA 02110
FAX: (617) 426-9546





#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**MIIA Members** 

FROM:

Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc.

Nominating Committee: Geoffrey Beckwith, Paul Cohen, Patricia Flynn,

Keegen, Kim Roy

DATE:

December 21, 2015

SUBJECT:

Nominating Committee Report

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TOWN OF AYER SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MIIA is again calling on its members to participate in electing officials to serve on the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, Inc. Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for approving and directing the overall policies of the MIIA programs. This is an important task since MIIA has a combined membership of more than 350 members for the health, property and liability, and workers' compensation insurance programs.

At the MIIA Annual Meeting to be held on January 23, 2015, members will elect two individuals to fill three-year terms to expire in January 2019. The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following candidates for nomination as members of the Board of Directors:

For three-year terms expiring in January 2019:

**Kenneth Walto, Town Manager, Dalton -** Mr. Walto has been the town manager in Dalton since 2001 and served in local government for more than 20 years. He currently serves on the MIIA Health Benefits Trust board and is an active member of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association and the Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Association.

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Enclosed are the Requirements for Voting and a Voting Delegate Designation Form to help us prepare for the voting. MIIA would greatly appreciate your designating the voting delegate for your municipality. Also enclosed is a Nominating Form, should you wish to nominate another candidate. Please contact Stan Corcoran at 617-426-7272 ext. 244 if you have any questions on the election process.

### MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### **NOMINATING FORM**

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	E THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO SERVE AS DIRECTORIES INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.	OR OF
Name:		
Title:		
Biographical Data:		
Name (please print)	Voting Delegate of(City/Town)	
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Please return this form by January 11, 2016 to:

Stanley J. Corcoran
Executive Vice President
Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association
One Winthrop Square
Boston, MA 02110
FAX: (617) 426-9546

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING

The requirements for voting are detailed in the by-laws of each organization. In summary:

Each member shall have one vote which may be cast only by its voting delegate. The following individuals are eligible voting delegates.

- 1. In the case of a city or a town with a city form of government, (a) its chief executive, or (b) a person designated in writing by such chief executive:
- 2. In the case of all other towns, (a) the Chairman of its Board of Selectmen, (b) another Selectman designated in writing by such Chairman, or (c) the Manager designated in writing by such Chairman.

Voting in person is required for the election of the Board of Directors. All voting will be by a vote of hands, unless a roll call is requested by three or more voting delegates.

The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected as directors and shall commence their terms at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you are a voting delegate and wish to nominate another person as a director, such nomination must be received in writing no later than January 11, 2016, twelve days prior to the Annual Meeting. Enclosed is a nomination form for this purpose.

#### **VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION FORM**

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(Name)	(Please Print)				
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Please return this form by January 11, 2016 to:

Stanley J. Corcoran
Executive Vice President
Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association
One Winthrop Square
Boston, MA 02110

or FAX to: (617) 426-9546

### June 2015 - June 2016 Goals and Objectives

### Approved by the BOS June 16, 2015

#### Town Administrator Goals

## History

Goal #	Торіс	Date	Action
929	Preparation/Completion and Presentation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan		
1	Review and Update for BOS Approval	9/29/2015	In progress
2	Update and Implement a BOS Executive Minutes System	7/1/2015	Began organization/inventory of ES minutes
	Complete the Non-Union Personnel Compensation Study for Personnel Board		
3	Review and Fall Town Meeting (Oct. 26, 2015) Consideration	10/26/2015	Adopted by Ayer Town Meeting. 4 Reclasses in progress
	Develop and Implement an Official Town-wide Wellness Program and MIIA		
4	Rewards Program		In progress
	Continue with Public Records Inventmy and Disposal (when applicable) of the		
5	BOS and TA Offices		In progress
6	Develop a Strategic Plan for Unaccepted Streets in Town		In progress (initial set adopted at 10/26/15 FTM)
	Complete the Update of the Town's Website to Include Continued		34 550-
7	Implementation of OnLine Permitting	1/5/2016	Cindy to present at BOS meeting
8	Development of a Land Use Department Proposal for BOS Consideration	11/17/2015	BOS approved proposal. 12/24/15 internal posting deadline
	Administration of the FY 2016 Budget to Include Development of the FY 2017	*	
9	Budget and Development of the Respective Town Meeting Warrants		On going
10	Negotiate on Behalf of the BOS, the Fire Contract and Police Superiors Contract	12/21/2015	Waiting on all 3 unions to initiate renewal

Updated:

12/31/2015

# Town of Ayer Board of Selectmen Ayer Town Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room Ayer, MA 01432



## Tuesday December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Broadcast and Recorded by APAC

Present:

Jannice L. Livingston, Chair; Gary J. Luca, Vice-Chair; Christopher R. Hillman, Clerk

Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Administrator

Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Call to Order: J. Livingston called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Review and Approve Agenda: R. Pontbriand asked to amend the agenda by adding the following items: Under Town Administrator's Report - Approval of Water and Sewer Lien list AND by adding two additional appointments (Cultural Council).

Motion: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 3-0.

Recognition of Eagle Scout: The BOS recognized Andy Poutry of Ayer Boy Scout Troop #3 for advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout. The BOS presented Andy with a certificate of recognition.

Public Input: None

<u>Chief Robert Pedrazzi</u>, <u>Ayer Fire Department</u>: R. Pedrazzi introduced Brenton Bourne who was recently hired by the Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic

Depot Square/MBTA Update: J. Livingston gave an overview of the recent history between the MBTA and the private property owner at Depot Square. She explained that both the private property owner and the MBTA were scheduled to be at the meeting this evening, in the hopes of ironing out a solution to the ongoing stalemate. She further explained that the private property owner, through his attorney, notified the Town Administrator on December 14, 2015 that he would not be attending the BOS meeting.

Mr. Frank Maxant, 14 Williams Street asked the BOS to consider taking the land by eminent domain and suggested that it could be placed on a town meeting warrant for consideration.

G. Luca suggested looking into the steps involved with an eminent domain taking.

Jeremy Callahan from the Planning Board and the Ayer Train Station Advisory Committee stated that the conditions at the platform are abysmal and that the platform has hole in it. He also stressed the need for resolution of the dispute for economic development reasons for the Town.

Ms. Carolyn McCreary, 6 Wachusett Avenue East stated that she appreciated the frustration felt by the BOS and also suggested eminent domain as a way of resolving the stalemate. She said that she realizes that process will take time, but the Town has been waiting years for a resolution.

Harry Zane, 32 Wright Road stated that this is an asymmetrical conflict and that it is frustrating that the private landowner won't clearly articulate what he needs to resolve the issue.

Jane Morriss, 62 Pleasant Street stated that the private landowner is controlling the dialogue and feels that the negotiations have not been in good faith.

J. Livingston stressed that although the situation is very frustrating, the Town's hands are limited as the dispute is between the private landowner and the MBTA.

Town Administrator's Report: On behalf of the DPW Superintendent, R. Pontbriand presented a contract for consideration between the Town and Hoyle Tanner & Associates for the Town's wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program. R. Pontbriand explained that the professional services agreement executed by the BOS on January 21, 2014 has an option for two one-year extensions. He is recommending, through the DPW Superintendent, that the BOS approve Option Year 3 for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 at a fee of \$42,500.

<u>Motion:</u> A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to approve the Option Year 3 contract for the Town's wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program between the Town and Hoyle Tanner & Associates. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

Appointments – R. Pontbriand is recommending that the BOS appoint Town Clerk and Tax Collector Ms. Susan Copeland to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to appoint Town Clerk and Tax Collector Ms. Susan Copeland to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

Agenda Amendment - R. Pontbriand has also received a recommendation from Cultural Council Chair Sheila Schwabe to appoint the following residents to the Cultural Council: Ms. Janice Goodrow and Ms. Lyn Pennington.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to appoint Ms. Janice Goodrow and Ms. Lyn Pennington to the Cultural Council to fill vacant terms that expire June 30, 2018. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

KENO Application, Ayer Shop in Save—C. Antonellis explained that the Town Administrator's office received a letter from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding an application from Ayer Shop in Save to install a KENO to Go game and at this time the Lottery Commission is not providing agents with a KENO monitor. The Town has to forward objections, if any, within 21 days to the Lottery Commission. BOS members had no objections.

Agenda Amendment: Water and Sewer Lien – R. Pontbriand presented the list of unpaid water lien accounts that was received from the Department of Public Works. R. Pontbriand stated that as in years past the list, if approved by the BOS, the list will be placed online after approximately 3-4 weeks, to allow for processing time between the DPW, I.T. Department and the Collector's office.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by C. Hillman and seconded by G. Luca to approve the December 14, 2015 list of Unpaid Water Lien Accounts and to place on the Town's website. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

New Business/Selectmen's Questions: C. Hillman stated that there was litter all over the Town and that he would like to see it picked up. R. Pontbriand then asked for specific locations. C. Hillman stated Westford Road, Willow Road, Central Avenue and Park Street.

C. Hillman also brought up concerns about the street signs in town. Specifically, there were bolts loose on the Nemco Way sign and there is a pole extending above the Handicap sign at Town Hall. He would also like to see that the "One Way" sign at the corner of Columbia and Newton readjusted.

C. Hillman also brought up a topic from earlier in the year about fencing and buildings related to Devens. R. Pontbriand will follow-up with Deveus/MassDevelopment.

<u>Approval of the Minutes:</u> A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded G. Hillman to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

Adjournment: A motiou was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis

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