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



Tuesday April 5, 2016
Open Session Meeting Agenda

- 7:00 PM** **Call to Order**
Review and Approve Agenda; Announcements
- Recognition of Eagle Scout John Kreidler**
- 7:05 PM*** **Public Input**
- Chief William A. Murray, Ayer Police Department**
1. Appointment of Part-time Records Clerk
- 7:15 PM** **Public Hearing – FY’17 Water and Sewer Rates**
- 7:45 PM** **Legislative Delegation Semi-Annual Legislative Update**
Sen. James Eldridge, Rep. Jennifer Benson, Rep. Sheila Harrington
- 8:15 PM** **Public Hearing – Application for License – Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids (MGL c.148 § 13)**
1. 0 Littleton Road (Assessor’s Map 35/Parcel 26)
Application by Fifteen Littleton Realty Trust/Lessee: Global Montello Group Corp.
- 8:30 PM** **Chairman Brian Gill, Personnel Board**
FY’ 17 COLA Discussion
- 8:45 PM** **Depot Square Access Property Update**
- 9:00 PM** **Town Administrator’s Report**
1. Administrative Update
2. Discussion on Underground Utilities East Main Street Project
3. ASRSD Sponsored Chapter 70 Resolution
- 9:15 PM** **New Business/Selectmen’s Questions**
- 9:20 PM** **Approval Meeting Minutes**
March 23, 2016
- Adjournment**

**Agenda times are for planning purposes only and do not necessarily constitute exact times*

April 5, 2016



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 3 - AYER
1 West Main St.
Ayer, MA 01432



February 26, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ayer
P.O. Box 308
Ayer, MA 01432

RE: Eagle Scout - Court of Honor

Dear Sir or Madam:

*Kriedler
per Karen*

On April 2, 2016 John ~~Kriedler~~ of Boy Scout Troop #3 Ayer will be honored on his advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. Johns project was the building and installing of a collection box for the proper disposal of American Flags.

As you know, fewer than 2 percent of all boys in the scouting program achieve this rank. We are very proud of Johns accomplishment.

Knowing of your concern for the youth of our town, it would be greatly appreciated if you could acknowledge his accomplishment with a personal message and recognize his achievement officially.

Thank you very much for your consideration to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Karen Januskiewicz, Troop Committee Chair



AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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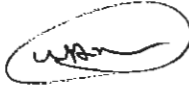


William A. Murray
Chief of Police

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TOWN OF AYER
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Chief William A. Murray 
CC: TA Pontbriand, file
Date: March 30, 2016
Re: Part-time Records Clerk Appointment

I respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen appoint Heather Sherry to the position of Records Clerk in the Police Department. The position is currently part-time, 19 hours/week, with an expectation that it will go full-time July 1, 2016. I am further requesting that the Board set the grade and step at Grade 3, Step 3.

Heather is a resident of Ayer and wife to APD Dispatcher and AFD On-Call Fireman Christopher Herrstrom. She holds a BS in Business and has worked in office settings supporting municipalities as well as being a manager at the former Kleenit Cleaners. Heather has a proven track record of proficiency in office settings that includes good organizational and customer service skills. She was vetted from a fine group of candidates by Lt. Gill and Officer Manager Amanda Belliveau and should be a good addition to the Police Department's administrative staff.

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March 25, 2016

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at
 7:10 PM. The Commission
 will consider a Request for
 Determination of
 Applicability filed by Chris
 Boyce of 2 Deerfield Dr. for
 construction of an addition
 in the buffer zone. The
 public is invited to attend.
 Robert E. Elliott, Chairman
 Pepperell Conservation
 Commission

March 25, 2016

Public Notice

**Town of Ayer
 Board of Selectmen
 FY 2017 Water and Sewer
 Rate Public Hearing
 Notice**

The Ayer Board of
 Selectmen (BOS) will be
 conducting a Public
 Hearing on Tuesday April
 5, 2016 at 7:15 PM in the
 1st Floor Meeting Room at
 the Ayer Town Hall, 1 Main
 Street Ayer, MA 01432.
 The BOS, in their legal
 capacity as the Town's
 Water and Sewer
 Commissioners, will hear
 the report and
 recommendation(s) of the
 Town's Water and Sewer
 Rate Review Committee;
 take public comment(s);
 and consider approval and
 adoption of the FY 2017
 Water and Sewer Rates.
 Jannice L. Livingston,
 Chairman
 Gary J. Luca,
 Vice-Chairman
 Christopher R. Hillman,
 Clerk

March 18, 25, 2016

**TOWNSEND
 PLANNING BOARD
 LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with MGL
 Chapter 41, §81G, and the
 Planning Board Rules and
 Regulations, §175-21 -
 Layout and Acceptance of
 Ways, the Board will hold a
 public hearing on Monday,
 April 11, 2016, at 7:15
 p.m., in the Selectmen's
 Chambers at Memorial
 Hall, 272 Main Street,
 regarding a Petition
 submitted to the Board of
 Selectmen to vote to layout
 the road entitled "Alyssa
 Drive" located off Ash
 Street, Assessor's Map 32-
 Block 6, Lots 0-15; and
 Map 53E, Blocks 337,
 338, & 339, Lots 0; zoned
 Residential District,
 submitted by Perkins &
 Ancil, on behalf of owner,
 HD Industrial Way, LLC, 22
 Chestnut Road,
 Tyngsboro, MA 01879.
 The application and plans
 are available for review at
 the Planning Board, Land
 Use Coordinator, and
 Town Clerk, Offices at 272
 Main St. during regular
 business hours. Parties
 wishing to speak in favor
 of, or in opposition to this
 proposal, may do so in
 writing prior to the hearing,
 or may appear at the
 hearing in person, or
 represented by an agent or
 attorney. Interested parties
 are encouraged to attend.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Lance J. McNally,
 Chairman

March 18, 25, 2016

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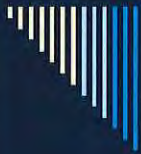
Public Notice

**TOWNSEND
 PLANNING BOARD
 LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with the
 provisions of MGL Chapter
 40A, Section 5 and Zoning
 Bylaw, Article XII, §145-
 69, the Planning Board will
 hold a public hearing on
 Monday, April 11, 2016 at
 7:45 p.m. in the
 Selectmen's Chambers at
 Memorial Hall, 272 Main
 Street. The purpose of the
 hearing is to solicit public
 comment on a petition to
 see if the Town will vote to
 amend the Town's Zoning
 By-law to enlarge the
 ground mounted solar
 energy overlay district by



WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS



Criteria for Rates

- **Overall Goal** – to set rates to recover costs & avoid significant fluctuations

Criteria:

- Project expenses, including future capital needs in order to avoid spikes in rates
- Reduce reliance on retained earnings to cover annual operations
- Attempt to build a stabilization reserve for each fund (for future capital needs)



Discussion Points for FY2017

- Evaluate septage for possible limits on capacity as well as fee charged. The DPW Superintendent has suspended septage intake. (continued from FY13)
- The possibility of selling some “future capacity” back to Mass Development (continued from FY2011). Devens has indicated that they are open to “re-structure” the contract. Details are unknown at this time. (continued from FY13)



Discussion Points for FY2017

- Review water & sewer fees (last done in FY2011). The Rate Committee approved water & sewer fee changes as recommended by the DPW Superintendent. The Water & Sewer Commissioners are being requested to approve/vote these changes effective July 1, 2016. (continued from FY13)



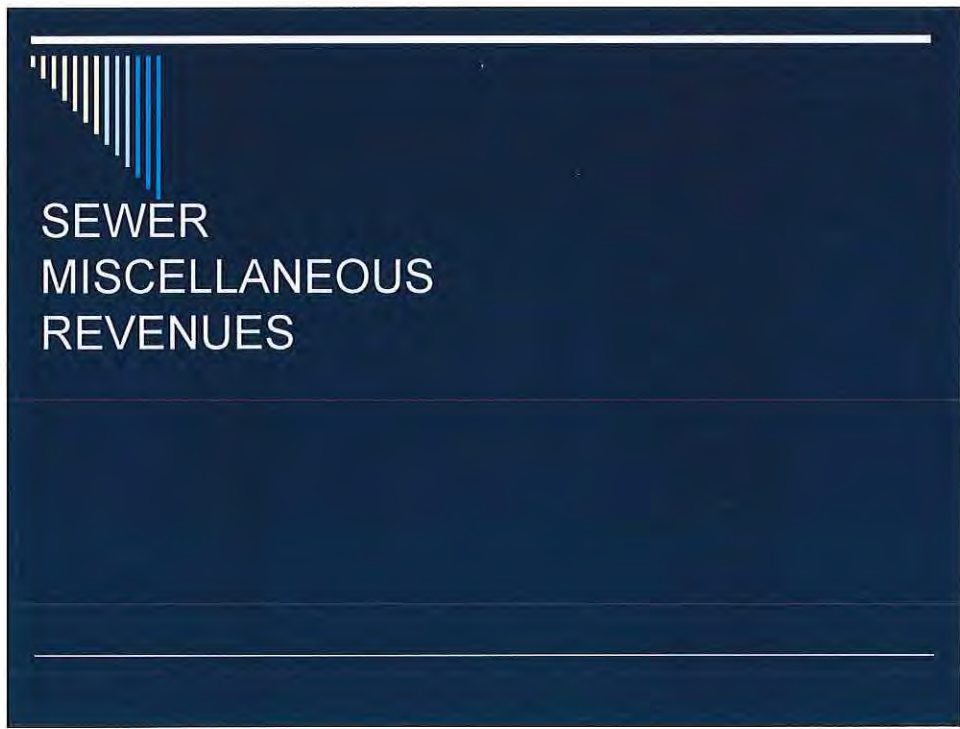
Discussion Points for FY2017

- The Rate Committee is currently investigating options for structuring a Senior discount program in response to the Citizen's Petition presented at the October 26, 2015 Special Town Meeting. The Committee's goal is to complete the structure by July 1, 2016 for implementation.



SEWER EXPENSES

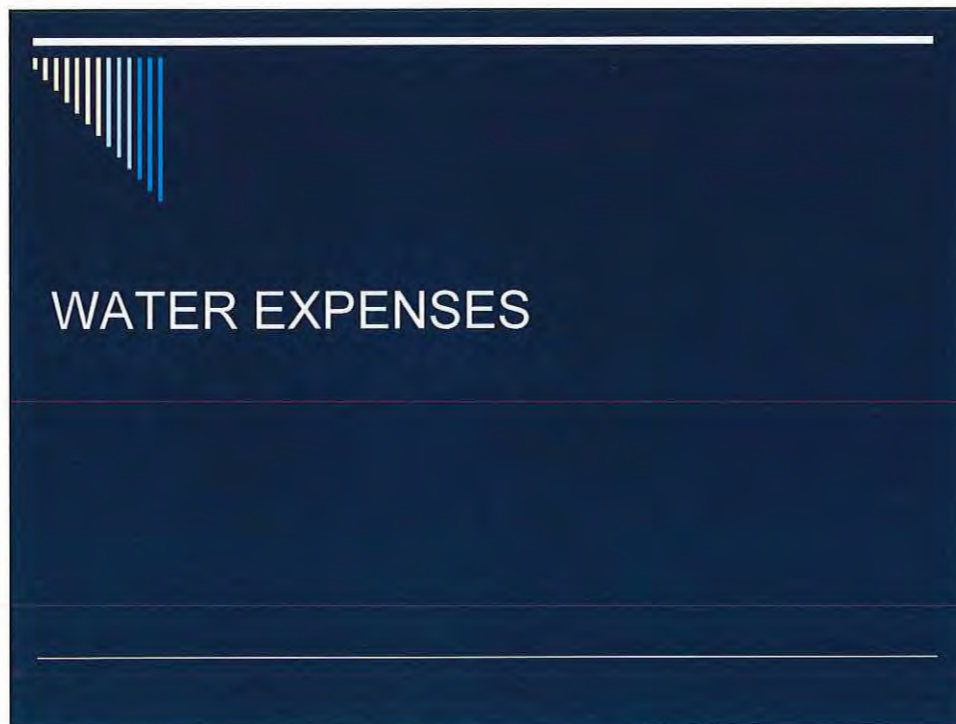
	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Wages	425,636	427,547	457,925
Expenses	667,520	780,900	718,200
Devens flow & admin	125,461	136,320	129,320
Devens capital invest.	126,270	125,000	125,000
Regular debt-other	358,469	475,324	488,961
Regular debt-wwtp	429,182	405,756	423,034
Debt exclusion	25,669	24,719	23,769
Indirect costs	292,023	302,879	327,647
Capital stabilization			60,000
Operating reserve	0	10,000	20,000
Totals	2,450,230	2,688,445	2,773,856



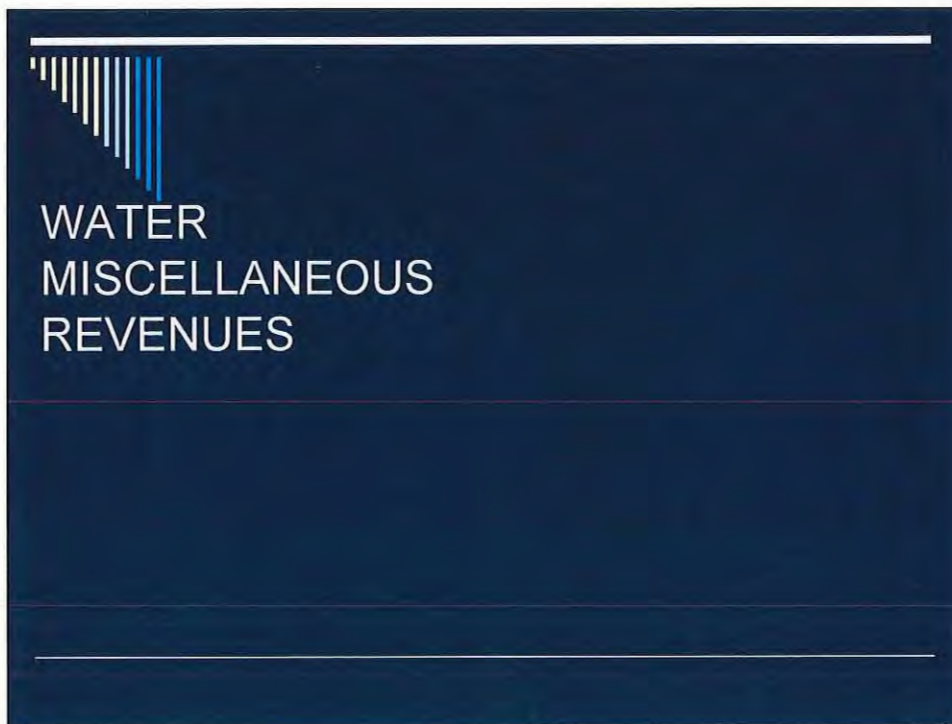
	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Interest	19,414	11,000	20,000
Septic charges			
Permits & fees	62,880	40,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	20,049	20,000	20,000
Liens & lien interest	137,217		
Fines	10,486		
Retained Earnings		15,000	
Transfer from g/f - debt exclusion	25,669	24,719	23,769
Totals	275,715	110,719	113,769

SEWER NET REQUIRED FROM RATES			
	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Expenses	2,450,230	2,688,445	2,773,856
Less Misc. Revenue & Retained Earnings	(275,715)	(110,719)	(113,769)
Net Required from Rates	2,174,515	2,577,726	2,660,087
FY revenue from rates	2,405,900		

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Infil/Inflow	50,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Radio telemetry	30,000				
W Main pump station	550,000				
1 ton utility truck	65,000				
Other pump stations			550,000	600,000	
¾ ton pick up truck		32,000			
WWTP upgrades	200,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,600,000	1,500,000
Totals	895,000	2,132,000	2,650,000	2,400,000	1,700,000



	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Wages	310,467	317,242	340,065
Expenses	427,609	493,400	476,950
Regular debt	568,349	657,118	588,920
Debt exclusion	114,190		
Capital purchases	189,501	170,000	170,000
Indirect costs	224,180	242,012	264,184
Opertg reserve		20,000	30,000
Totals	1,834,296	1,899,772	1,870,119



	Actual	Budget	Budget
Interest	8,215	6,000	8,000
Permits & fees	100,077	70,000	80,000
Backflow & Xconnection fees	21,000	20,000	21,000
Miscellaneous	21,954	20,000	20,000
Energy Rebates	21,000		
Liens & lien interest	63,739		
Transfer from g/f-de	114,190		
Prior year surplus		190,000	
Consumption Adj			120,000
Totals	350,175	306,000	249,000

WATER NET REQUIRED FROM RATES			
	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Expenses	1,834,296	1,899,772	1,870,119
Less Misc. Revenues & Retained Earnings	(350,175)	(306,000)	(249,000)
Net Required from Rates	1,484,121	1,593,772	1,621,119
FY revenue from rates	1,706,142		

WATER PROPOSED RATES

	Current	Proposed	% Increase
Step 1	2.47	2.52	2.02%
Step 2	3.07	3.12	1.63%
Step 3	3.62	3.69	1.93%

Current and proposed rate steps increase at 6,000 cubic feet.
FY17 rates are slightly less than projected in FY16.

SEWER PROPOSED RATES

	Current	Proposed	% Increase
Step 1	6.94	7.16	3.17%
Step 2	7.94	8.20	3.27%
Step 3	9.04	9.33	3.21%

Current and proposed rate steps increase at 6,000 cubic feet.
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Impact on Ave Resident

	Proposed Quarterly FY2017	Quarterly FY2016	Quarterly Increase	Annual Increase
Water	\$27.72	\$27.17	\$0.55	\$2.20
Sewer	\$78.76	\$76.34	\$2.42	\$9.68
Total	\$106.48	\$103.51	\$2.97	\$11.88

Impact on quarterly bill based on average usage of 1,100 cubic feet

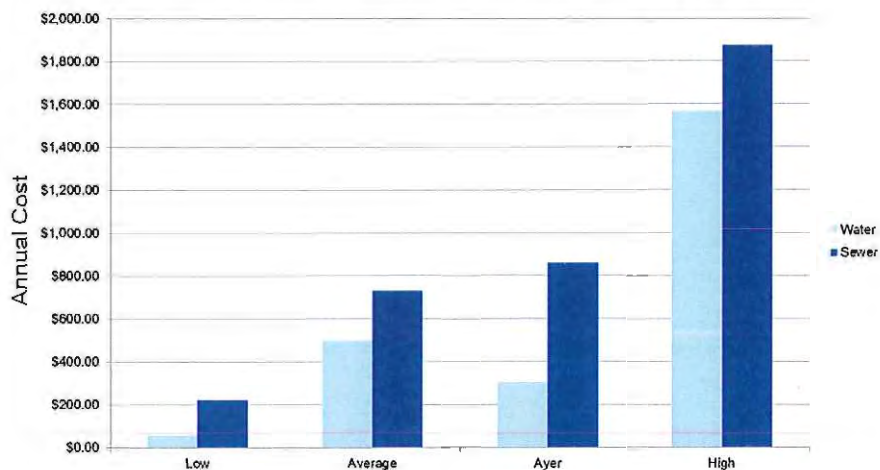
Estimated Water Rates

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Step 1	\$2.47	\$2.52 2.02%	\$2.59 2.78%	\$2.66 2.70%	\$2.72 2.26%
Step 2	\$3.07	\$3.12 1.63%	\$3.21 2.88%	\$3.30 2.80%	\$3.38 2.42%
Step 3	\$3.62	\$3.69 1.93%	\$3.79 2.71%	\$3.89 2.64%	\$3.98 2.31%

Estimated Sewer Rates

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Step 1	\$6.94	\$7.16 3.17%	\$7.17 3.77%	\$7.43 3.50%	\$7.69 3.38%
Step 2	\$7.94	\$8.20 3.27%	\$8.22 3.78%	\$8.51 3.52%	\$8.81 3.41%
Step 3	\$9.04	\$9.33 3.21%	\$9.35 3.75%	\$9.68 3.52%	\$10.03 3.39%

Comparison to Other Massachusetts Towns



Water & Sewer Fees

- Water & Sewer fees are additional fees related to specific services
- Fees should be based on the cost to provide the service
 - Example: On–Off fee requires staff time to drive to site, locate shut-off, open/close shut-off, record information and input in billing system
- Most fees have not been adjusted since 1995

Recommended Water Fees

WATER	EXISTING	PROPOSED FY17
ON and OFF Charge	\$25.00	\$50.00
Private Hydrants per year	\$100.00	\$250.00
Fire Flow Test with 2 Water Dept. Personnel	\$300.00	\$500.00
Back Flow Test	\$75.00	\$100.00
Back Flow Retest	\$50.00	\$75.00
Inspection Services - per foot	\$2.00	\$5.00
Authorized Hydrant Use – Contractor	\$50.00	\$100.00
Additional Services per hour	\$50.00	\$75.00
Emergency Call During Work Hours per hour	\$50.00	\$75.00
Emergency Call After Work Hours per hour	\$100.00	\$115.00
Water Lien Charge	\$25.00	\$50
Final Reading	\$20.00	\$40.00
Backhoe with Operator Charge per hour	\$85.00	\$150.00

Recommended Sewer Fees

SEWER	EXISTING	PROPOSED FY17
Tie in Fee per equiv. res. unit	\$1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Inspection Services - per foot	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
Additional Services per hour		\$ 75.00
Emergency calls during work hours per hour		\$ 75.00
Emergency calls after work hours per hour		\$ 115.00
Backhoe with Operator Charge per hour		\$ 150.00

Senior Discount Update

- W&S Rate Committee is developing recommendations for implementation
- Criteria
 - Age
 - Income limits
 - Home ownership
 - Volume of water / sewer
 - Application process
 - Discount maximum
- W&S Rate Comm. will present recommendation to BOS for implementation beginning July 1, 2016



Rate Committee Recommends

- Water & Sewer Commissioners vote to increase water & sewer rates as proposed by the rate committee

- Water & Sewer Commissioners vote to increase the water & sewer fees as presented by the DPW Superintendent and recommended by the Rate Committee

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LACROSSE COACH

Lawrence Academy, Groton, MA is seeking a Junior Varsity Head Boys' Lacrosse Coach for the 2016 spring season. Playing experience at the collegiate level is preferred. Duties and positional responsibilities will be determined based on candidate's strengths. Seeking candidates with passion and energy for coaching young men in the sport of lacrosse. Practices are typically 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Monday - Friday, and games on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We will have approxi-

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Public Notice

Town of Tyngsborough Legal Notice

The Board of Selectmen, Acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:05 p.m. at the Tyngsborough Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane. The hearing is at the request of the Tyngsborough Farmers' Market Corp., for a Special Permit under section 2.11.30 of the Town of Tyngsborough Zoning By-laws for a Farmers Market at the Littlefield Library, 252

Public Notice

Town of Ayer Notice of Public Hearing Ayer Board of Selectmen

The Ayer Board of Selectmen will be conducting a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 5, 2016 at 8:15 PM at the Ayer Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432 regarding the application by Fifteen Littleton Realty Trust/Lessee: Global Montello Group Corp., 0 Littleton Road/Assessor's Map 35 Lot 26 Ayer, MA 01432 seeking a new license for the storage of up to 19,000 gallons of gasoline (regular and super), 17,000 gallons of diesel (retail and commercial) and 3,000 gallons of diesel exhaust fluid pursuant to MGL c. 148 sec. 13.

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

March 28, 2016

Care and Protection Termination of Parental Rights Summons By

Public Notice

Care and Protection
Termination of Parental
Rights Summons By
Publication
Docket No. 15CP0255LO
Trial Court of
Massachusetts, Juvenile
Court Department
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, Middlesex
County Juvenile Court
89 Appleton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
978-441-2630

To: Raymond Gonzalez: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF-Lowell, seeking, as to the following child, Alizianna Gonzalez, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition. You are hereby ORDERED to

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TO: An unnamed fi has been p court by L seeking, as child, Kiara said child be of care and committed ment of Child lies. The cc pense the rig son named ceive notice sent to any le ing affecting custody, or (or any other c the child name finds that th need of care tion and that th ests of the chi served by said You are hereby



FP-002A
(Rev. 1.1.2015)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
City/Town of AYER

Application For License

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148 §13

New License Amended License

GIS Coordinates
LAT.
LONG.
License Number



Application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws of Massachusetts for a license to store flammables, combustibles or explosives on land in buildings or structures herein described.

Location of Land: 0 Littleton Road Map 35 Lot 26
Number, Street and Assessor's Map and Parcel ID

Attach a plot plan of the property indicating the location of property lines and all buildings or structures.

Owner of Land: Fifteen Littleton Realty Trust (Leasee: Global Montello Group Corp.)

Address of Land Owner: 5 Littleton Road, Ayer, MA 01432

Use and Occupancy of Buildings and Structures: Convenience Store with gasoline/diesel fuel sales

If this is an application for amendment of an existing license, indicate date of original license and any subsequent amendments
N/A

Attach a copy of the current license

Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

Complete this section for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids, and gases; see 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50; Attach additional pages if needed. All tanks and containers are considered full for the purposes of licensing and permitting.

PRODUCT NAME	CLASS	MAXIMUM QUANTITY	UNITS gal., lbs, cubic feet	CONTAINER UST, AST, IBC, drums
Gasoline - Regular	IB	12,000	gal.	UST
Gasoline - Super	IB	7,000 *	gal.	UST
Diesel - Retail	II	5,000 *	gal.	UST
Diesel - Commercial	II	12,000	gal.	UST
DEF	N/A	3,000	gal.	UST

* compartmentalized tank (12,000 gallon total)

Total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored: 19,000

Total quantity of all combustible liquids to be stored: 17,000

Total quantity of all flammable gases to be stored: N/A

Total quantity of all flammable solids to be stored: N/A

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LP-gas (Complete this section for the storage of LP-gas or propane)

Indicate the maximum quantity of LP-gas to be stored and the sizes and capacities of all storage containers. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in aboveground containers: N/A

List sizes and capacities of all aboveground containers used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in underground containers: N/A

List sizes and capacities of all underground containers used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all LP-gas to be stored: N/A

Fireworks (Complete this section for the storage of fireworks)

Indicate classes of fireworks to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3G: N/A Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4G: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all classes of fireworks to be stored: _____

Explosives (Complete this section for the storage of explosives)

Indicate classes of explosive to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.1: N/A Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.2: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.5: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.6: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

I, Dan Berry, hereby attest that I am authorized to make this application. I acknowledge that the information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that all materials stored pursuant to any license granted hereunder must be stored or kept in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Massachusetts Chapter 148, and the Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00). I further acknowledge that the storage of any material specified in any license granted hereunder may not exceed the maximum quantity specified by the license.

Signature [Signature] Date 3/24/16 Name Dan Berry
Global Montello Group Corp. **COPY**

Fire Department Use Only

I, Robert J. Fedryak, Head of the Ayer Fire Department endorse this application with my

Approval Disapproval **CO**

Signature of Head of the Fire Department [Signature]

Date 3/24/14

Recommendations: _____ **COPY**

Carly Antonellis

From: shoude@ayer.ma.us
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Pat Kelly; Jannice Livingston
Cc: Chris Hillman; Robert Pontbriand; Carly Antonellis
Subject: Re: CH 70 Resolution Approval

Good morning Pat-

Last night the Finance Committee reviewed the attached request from the ASRSD school committee regarding Chapter 70 funding. The committee voting unanimously in support of the school committee's efforts.

The committee believes the resolution will carry more weight if the BOS (pending discussion and approval) and FinCom signed a single document. We will await the BOS discussion for the next step.

Thank you.

Scott Houde
Chairman
Finance Committee
Town of Ayer, MA

Quoting Pat Kelly [REDACTED]

> Gentleman,
> I have attached the resolution that was unanimously approved by the
> regional school committee on 3/1/16. I know you aer meeting this
> evening as a joint group and respectfully request that you present
> this resolution for vote and approval.
> We formally request that you as the municipal boards also approve
> this resolution and join with us in letting the state know that
> underfunding education hurts the entire community. Join 60 other
> town school committees, Fincoms and Boards of Selectman in approving
> this resolution and calling for the legislature to act on the
> findings of the FBRC.
> Thank you Pat [REDACTED]



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Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations

Whereas the Massachusetts Foundation Budget Review Commission identified two areas (employee health insurance and special education) where the Massachusetts Foundation Budget significantly understates the true cost of educating students in the Commonwealth and has failed to keep pace with rising costs;

Whereas this underfunding means the cost of providing a quality education has increasingly been borne by local communities, most often at the expense of other vital municipal operations;

Whereas investing in education today leads to higher incomes, and thus less investment in police, prisons, subsidized health care, low income housing, welfare, etc. in the future;

Whereas state and local economies are most effectively strengthened “by investing in education and increasing the number of well-educated workers.”

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee calls on the Massachusetts Legislature and the Governor of Massachusetts to fully fund and adopt the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission in the immediate future.

Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee

Patrick W. Kelly
Chair, Ayer Shirley Regional School Committee

March 1, 2016

cc: Board of Selectman Town of Ayer
Board of Selectman Town of Shirley
Robert Pontbriand, Town Administrator, Ayer
Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator, Shirley



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Rationale: The Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC) was established by the Legislature in the FY16 budget and was charged with examining the Foundation Budget (Chapter 70) formula. The formula was first established as part of the Education Reform legislation in 1993 and has not been thoroughly reviewed or updated since that time. The FBRC found that the current formula understates costs significantly in two areas: Employee Health Insurance and Special Education.

If the recommendations of the FBRC had been implemented in the FY16 budget, state funding for education would have been about \$500 million more than it was. However, if Chapter 70 reflected the true cost of education, the number would be closer to \$2 billion.

Spending by school districts over the required Net School Spending amounts has increased, as a whole, for more than a decade, indicating that communities are using local property taxes and diverting funding from other portions of municipal budgets to fund their schools. In FY14, the total spending above Foundation in the state was \$1.7 billion. At the same time, the state's commitment to municipal aid has declined. Since 2001, unrestricted local aid has been cut by 43%. The net effect is a combination of cuts to local and school services and an increasing reliance on the regressive property tax.

The evidence overwhelmingly establishes the correlation between a well-educated workforce and higher income individuals. States that invest more in education have a higher paid workforce; also, states that increase the level of education of their population see greater productivity and higher wages over time. The link can then easily be made between higher paid individuals and less reliance on various forms of government assistance, as well as lower rates of crime.

A state's high school and college attainment rates are important factors in the state's overall economic strength. Additionally, investments in education can have significant long-term impacts on state and local economies, as well-educated individuals tend to stay relatively local and contribute tax dollars to the state and municipality in which they reside. In general, the taxes paid over time by these individuals are substantially higher than the cost of their public education.

Town of Ayer
Board of Selectmen
Ayer Town Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room
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Wednesday March 23, 2016
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 7:02 PM.

J. Livingston asked for a moment of silence in observation of the terrorist attacks that happened in Brussels, Belgium.

Review and Approve Agenda:

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

Announcements: J. Livingston made the following announcements:

- Tickets are now on sale for Ayer Shirley Regional High School Drama Club's spring musical, "Rodgers & Hammerstein's CINDERELLA," being performed April 29 at 7:00 PM and April 30 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- Winter Parking Ban is in effect until April 15, 2016.

Public Input: Mr. Connie Sullivan of 79 East Main Street requested that the Town consider having all electric and utility lines placed underground as part of the East Main Street Water and Sewer Replacement project.

C. Hillman stated that though a good idea, the cost would be significant.

The Board asked the R. Pontbriand to get more information for the April 5, 2016 meeting.

Thatcher Kezer, Senior Vice President of Devens discussed with the Board the potential for a Super Town Meeting on May 9, 2016 to follow the Ayer Town Meeting. The Super Town Meeting is to address a zoning question which impacts the Town of Harvard and was previously passed by Ayer and Shirley but not Harvard. He will advise the Town on the status of the Super Town Meeting as MassDevelopment has more information.

G. Luca asked if MassDevelopment has enough time to do the proper public outreach if the Super Town

Meeting is on May 9th. He also stated that there will be an upcoming JBOS Meeting at which this will be discussed.

Thatcher Keezer also updated the Board on the status of the demolition of two structures and the repair of a fence. He also stated that MassDevelopment is still reviewing the wastewater contract with Ayer to see if there is a way to reduce cost impacts.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee – Review and Discussion of the FY 2017 Budget

Scott Houde, Finance Chair, called the Fin Com to order at 7:18 PM. He stated that the purpose of the Joint Meeting is for both the BOS and Fin Com to publically review and discuss the FY 2017 Budget and vet any issues.

J. Livingston asked R. Pontbriand to present an overview of the FY 2017 Budget.

R. Pontbriand presented an overview of the FY 2017 Budget and Budget issues referring to the various materials in the meeting packet including his budget summary memo as well as to the discussions of the recent Executive Bi-Board Meeting.

The Joint Meeting discussed the following budgetary matters: OPEB contribution recommendation for FY 2017 of \$300,000 as recommended by the OPEB Board and the Town's GASB 45 Statement. Additionally, the Joint Committee asked about the \$100,000 requested for the Master Plan RFP; funding and composition of the Building Department reorganization; an in depth discussion regarding the Police Chief's request for two Dispatchers and two Patrolmen positions; and the Personnel Board's recommendation of a 2% COLA for FY 2017.

Chief Murray stated that he needed the two patrolmen to maximize public safety, customer service and to provide a true community policing effort.

The BOS supported the 2 patrolmen and the 2 dispatchers.

The Fin Com stated that there were concerns on cost-impacts and fiscal sustainability.

The Joint Meeting also reviewed the DRAFT Warrant.

R. Pontbriand stated that the Warrant must be finalized no later than 12pm noon on Friday, April 22, 2016.

Adjournment of Finance Committee and 5 minute recess at 8:15 am

Application for Class II Motor Vehicle License: Mr. Halim Makhoulta was in attendance to requesting the BOS approve a Class II Used Motor Vehicle License for Ayer Auto Repair, LLC. (85-87 Central Avenue).

Motion: A motion was made by C. Hillman and seconded by G. Luca to approve the Class II license for Ayer Auto Repair, LLC for 85-87 Central Street. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Town Engineer Daniel Van Schalkwyk, Dept. of Public Works: D. Van Schalkwyk was in attendance to request that the BOS approve the West Main Street Culvert Replacement engineering contract with WorldTech Engineering, LLC and Hoyle Tanner as sub consultants in the amount of \$96,625.

Motion: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to approve the contract between the Town of Ayer and WorldTech Engineering LLC., for engineering services for the West Main Street Culvert and Shirley Street Bridge. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Green Communities Grant – D. Van Schalkwyk also presented the Town's Green Communities Competitive Grant Application. The grant focuses on streetlight LED upgrades, Spec Pond Well 1 Pump VFD, DPW lighting, Grovc Pond WTP Lighting, Town Hall and Fire Station lighting.

Motion: A motion was made by C. Hillman and seconded by G. Luca to approve the Green Communities Grant Application. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Town Administrator's Report: In the interest of time, R. Pontbriand put forth action items only for BOS consideration.

Appointments – The Council on Aging is recommending that the BOS appoint Ms. Susan Copeland to the Ayer Council on Aging Board of Directors.

Motion: A motion was made by C. Hillman and seconded by G. Luca to appoint Susan Copeland to the Ayer COA Board of Directors. **Motion passed 3-0.**

R. Pontbriand is requesting per MGL that the BOS reappoint Mr. Mike Detillion as the Veteran's Officer from April 1, 2016 for a one year term expiring March 31, 2017.

Motion: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to reappoint Mike Detillion per MGL to a one-year appointment as the Ayer Veterans Service Officer from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Motion passed 3-0.

Building Department Hours Proposal - R. Pontbriand presented a proposal regarding a restructuring of the Building Department Hours as follows: the Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer will work full-time, 32 hours a week at a rate of \$25.00 effective as of March 15, 2016. The Building Commissioner will be phased down to 4 hours a week at a rate of \$70.00 an hour effective July 1, 2016. The Administrative Coordinator position will be now funded under Management Support and removed from the Building Department. R. Pontbriand further explained that this proposal will give the Town a full-time professional Building Department with full customer service hours, as well as full enforcement.

Motion: A motion made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to approve the Building Department Hours Proposal as presented by the Town Administrator. **Motion passed 3-0.**

CDBG Grant Amendment – R. Pontbriand explained a request from the Community Development Office seeking the approval of an amendment to the FY'11 CDBG grant. He explained that the Town used an additional \$69,240.83 of program income so that the Town could rehab 3 units.

Motion: A motion made by G. Luca and seconded by C. Hillman to approve the amendment to the FY'11 CDBG Grant as presented by the Town Administrator. Motion passes 3-0.

New Business/Selectmen's Questions:

State Budget Update (Selectman Luca) was deferred by G. Luca.

Approval Meeting Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by C. Hillman and seconded by G. Luca to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2016. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Executive Session: A motion was made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston at 8:47 PM to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c.30A, section 21A Exemption #3 (Litigation) Properties Enforcement Strategy Update; Exemption #3 (Litigation) Old Fire Station; Exemption #3 (Collective Bargaining) Contract Updates and to adjourn from Executive Session. G. Luca further stated that to discuss these items in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating study. **By Roll Call: J. Livingston, aye; G. Luca, aye; C. Hillman, aye. Motion passed by Roll Call 3-0.**

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis

Date Minutes Approved by BOS: _____

Christopher R. Hillman, Clerk: _____

