

Town of Ayer Select Board 1 Main Street Ayer, MA 01432



Wednesday September 7, 2022 Open Session Meeting Agenda

This meeting/hearing of the Ayer Select Board will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation via Zoom is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in a specific item on this agenda should make plans for inperson vs. virtual attendance accordingly. This meeting will be live on Zoom and Channel 8. The public may access the proceedings by joining Zoom (Meeting ID# 897 9080 0793) or by calling (929-205-6099). For additional information about remote participation, please contact Carly Antonellis, Assistant Town Manager at atm@ayer.ma.us or 978-772-8220 ext. 100 prior to the meeting.

5:30 PM*	<u>Call to Order</u> Pledge of Allegiance; Review and Approve Agenda; Announcements
5:35 PM	Public Input
5:40 PM	 Dan Van Schalkwyk, Director, Dept. of Public Works Petition for Street Acceptance – Cowfield LLC, Portions of Riley Jayne Farm Public Meeting for Street Acceptance of Pingry Hill Phase 4 at Fall Town Meeting Agreement for Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Resin Filter Media Replacement Drought Update and Outdoor Watering Variance Discussion Notice of Award – Pirone Park Playground Project
5:55 PM	Alan Manoian, Director, Office of Community & Economic Development 1. FY '23 UDAG Budget Funding 2. Proposed Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program
6:05 PM	 Town Manager's Report Administrative Update/Review of Town Warrant(s) Appointments - COA Board of Directors and Cultural Council Request for UDAG Funding - COA Building Design Services/Due Diligence Historic Fire Station - Amendment for Extension to Original Agreement - South Bay Additional Removal
6:15 PM	New Business/Select Board Member Questions
6:20 PM	Approval of Meeting Minutes August 16, 2022
6:25 PM	Adjournment

^{*}Agenda Times are approximate and do not constitute exact times

Dan Van Schalkwyk, P.E., Director Kimberly Abraham, Water and Sewer Superintendent Pam Martin, Business Manager



25 BROOK STREET AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432 T: (978) 772-8240 F: (978) 772-8244

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 31, 2022

To: Select Board

From: Dan Van Schalkwyk, P.E., Director

Subject: Agenda Items for September 7, 2022, Select Board Meeting

1. Petition for Street Acceptance – Cowfield LLC, Portions of Riley Jayne Farm Please find a memorandum attached related to a petition for street acceptance of the remainder of Riley Jayne Farm Subdivision.

2. Public Meeting for Street Acceptance of Pingry Hill Phase 4 at Fall Town Meeting Attached is a memorandum and Order of Layout, to be executed by the Board recommending that the Board accept the following roads as public streets. In accordance with M.G.L. c.82, §§21-24, the Board must hold a public meeting and vote to approve the layout as shown on the metes and bounds plan. We have notified all abutters of the time and location of this meeting.

The Order of Layout, executed by the Board, needs to be filed with the Town Clerk, who, within 10 days, must record the description in a book kept for this purpose. We are also preparing Town Meeting Warrant Articles for Street Acceptance.

- Woodland Way
- Hemlock Drive from Woodland Way to its end
- 3. Agreement for Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Resin Filter Media Replacement Attached is a contract for execution for replacing the anion exchange (AIX) media at Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant. The DPW opened 2 bids for the project which ranged from \$352,026.00 to \$496,000.00. The low bidder is Calgon Carbon Corporation. The scope of work includes replacement of the AIX media in both vessels. The project will be paid from the Operations and Maintenance budget in the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) with the U.S. Army.

Requested Motion – Vote to execute the contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation for the Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Resin Filter Media Replacement in the amount of \$352,026.00 (for signature by the Chair).

4. Drought Update and Outdoor Watering Variance Discussion

Ayer remains in a Level 3 – Critical Drought and Ayer's Public Water Supply remains in a 'State of Water Supply Conservation' that includes a ban on non-essential outdoor water use. I've included a memorandum from the Water and Sewer Superintendent summarizing the status of the public water supply system and anticipated impacts should outdoor watering variances be allowed this Fall.

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Re: Intention to Layout Road for Acceptance

the Board vote to layout the street. The final acceptance will require a two third vote at Fall Town binding approval, notify abutters with easements related to the roadway and then recommend that Subdivision. Upon affirmative vote to layout the road, we will notify the Planning Board for a non-Mr. Calvin Moore has requested that the Town accept the remaining portion of Riley Jayne Farm Meeting. Note, the Developer must complete a punch list prior to the Town Meeting vote or the Article shall be withdrawn.

Jayne Farm subdivision as public ways as the first step toward road acceptance. The DPW recommends the Select Board vote intention to layout the remaining portions of Riley

Regards,

AYER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dan Van Schalkwyk, P.E. Director

Dan Van Schalkwyk

From: Carly Antonellis <cantonellis@ayer.ma.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:42 PM

To: Dan Van Schalkwyk
Cc: Robert Pontbriand

Subject: FW: Pleasant St. approval

Dan,

Just making sure you saw this.

Carly

Carly M. Antonellis Assistant Town Manager Town of Ayer 1 Main Street Ayer, MA 01432 978-772-8220 x100

Please consider the environment before printing this email.



Board of Selectman Attention Carley Town of Ayer Aug. 12, 2022

I am requesting that the approval of the Pleasant Street sub division by Riley Jane Farm and Cowfield LLC be put on the town warrant for town acceptances at the fall 2022 town meeting.

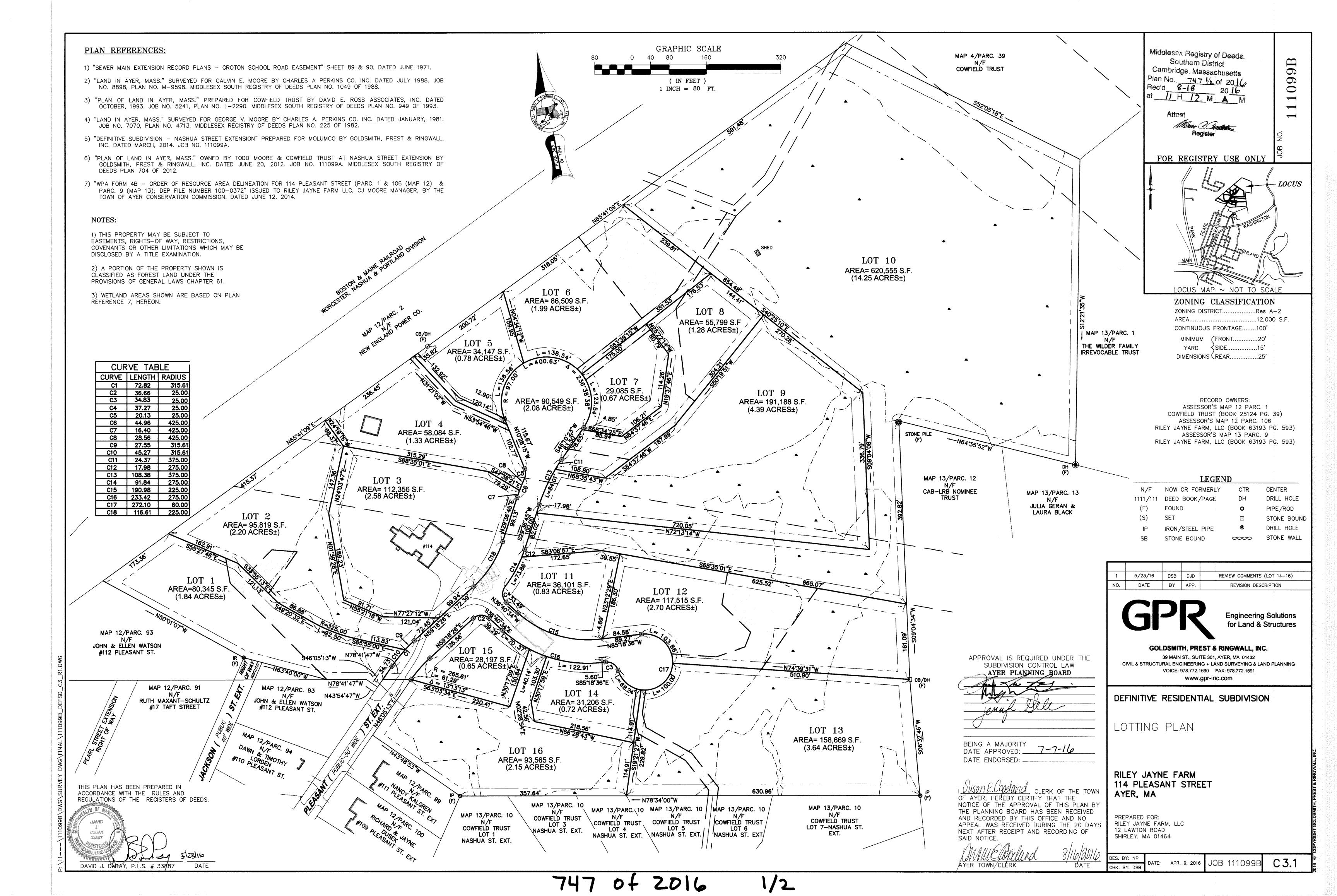
We have a few items on the punch list of items that will be completed in the next two to three weeks.

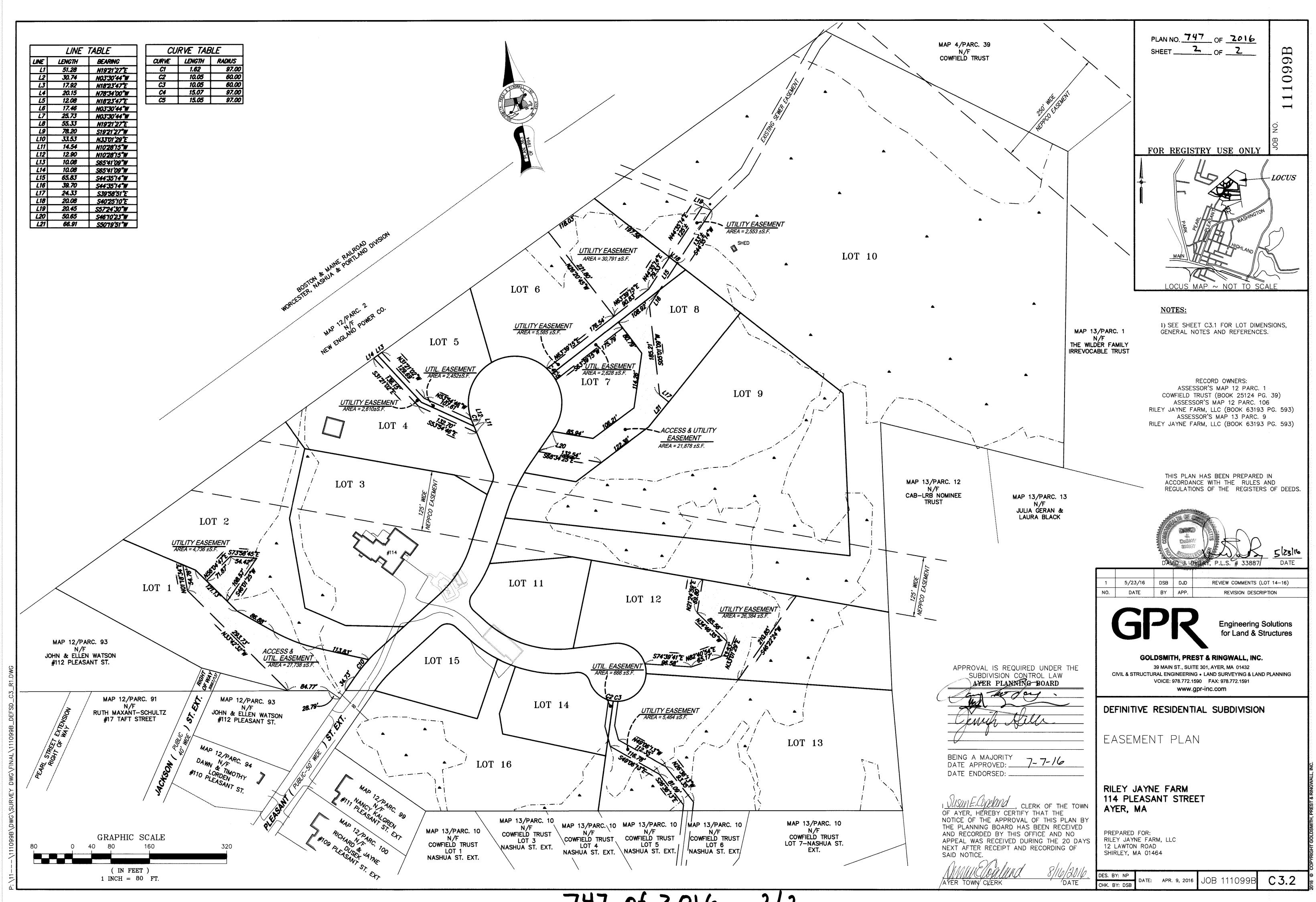
The major items i.e. final pavement of the road, completion of the sidewalks, water and sewer lines etc. have been completed.

Thank you

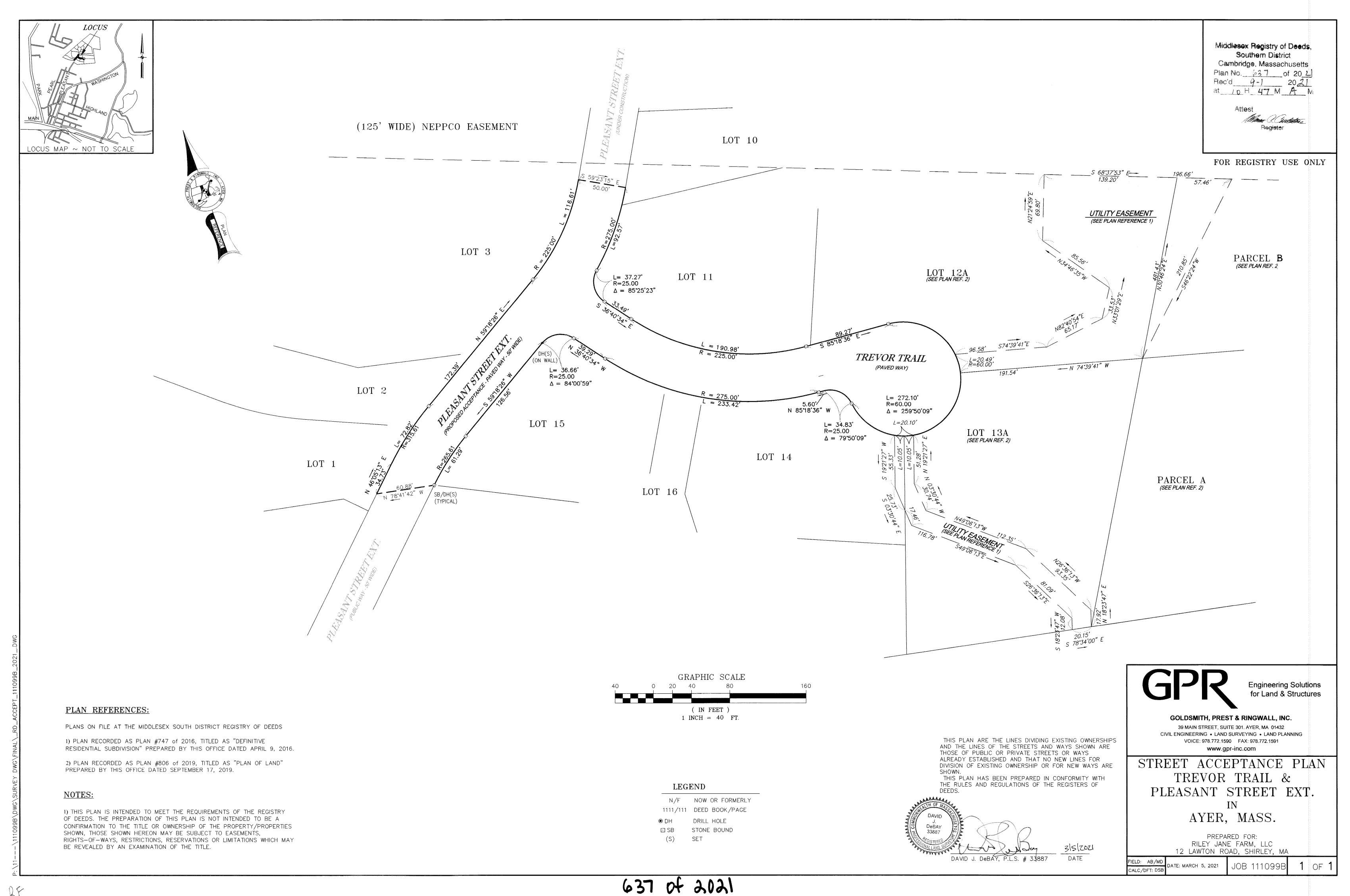
Calvin Moore







747 of 2016



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Memorandum

Date: August 31, 2022

To: Ayer Select Board

From: Dan Van Schalkwyk, P.E., Director

Re: Pingry Hill Phase 4 Street Acceptance

The Ayer Planning Board voted at their meeting on August 23, 2022 to recommend that the Select Board accept Woodland Way and a portion of Hemlock Drive within the Pingry Hill Subdivision as a Town Street. I had sent the Planning board a letter with my recommendation for street acceptance, pending completion of several punch list items. The Developer is currently working on the punch list items. If the items are not complete by 2022 Fall Town Meeting, I will report on the floor of said Town Meeting of the incompletion and recommend against street acceptance.

Attached is the Order of Layout for execution by the Board. The Order of Layout needs to be filed with the Town Clerk, who, within 10 days, must record the description in a book kept for this purpose.

TOWN OF AYER

ORDER OF LAYOUT

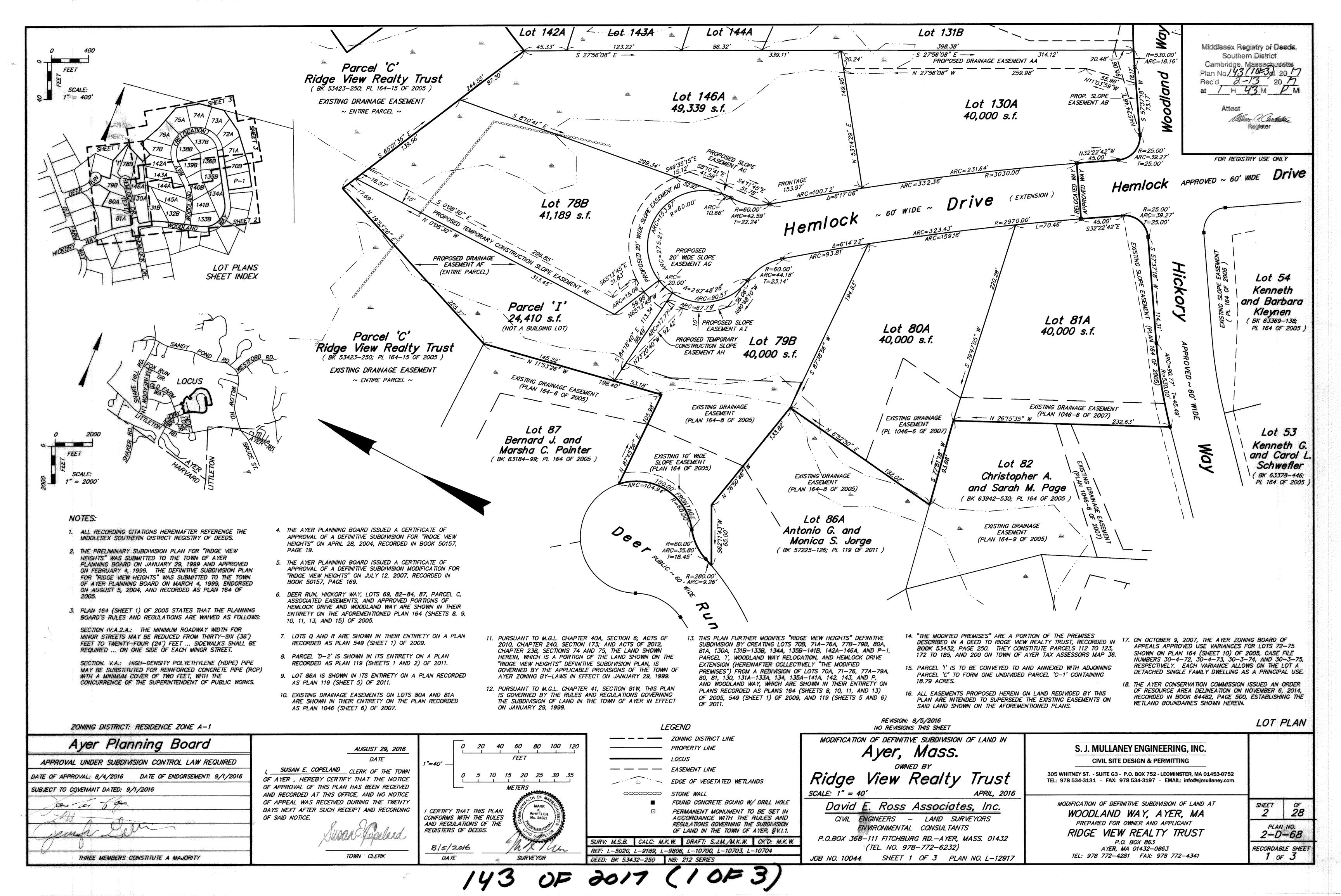
Woodland Way and Hemlock Drive (Portion)

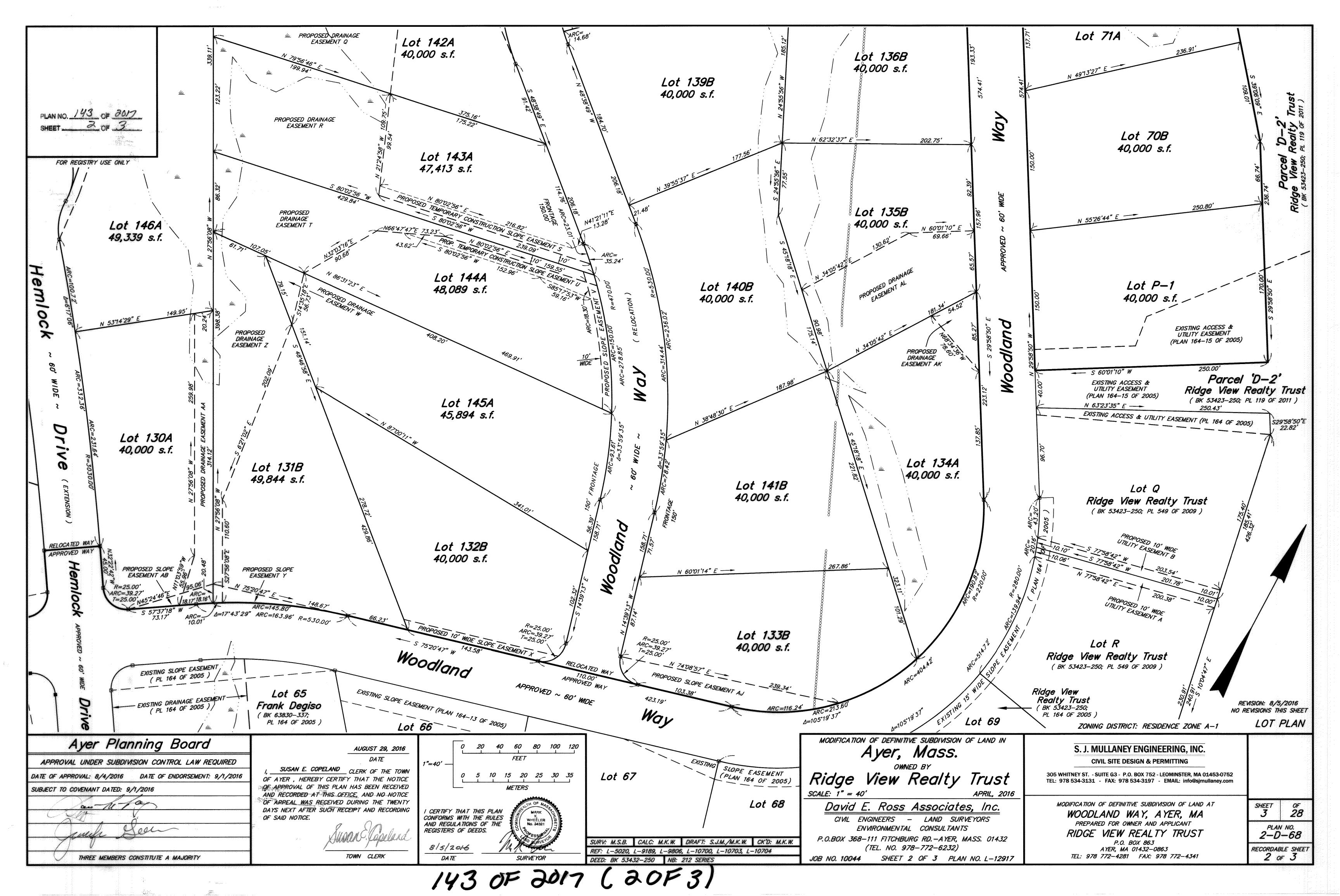
Whereas the SELECT BOARD of the TOWN OF AYER, acting pursuant to G.L. c. 82, §§21-24, having deemed that common convenience and necessity require the layout as public ways of Woodland Way and Hemlock Drive (Portion), (being that portion commencing at the intersection with Hickory Way, and running north thereof until its terminus), hereby lays out said roads, as herein described, as town ways as shown on the plan referenced below, and

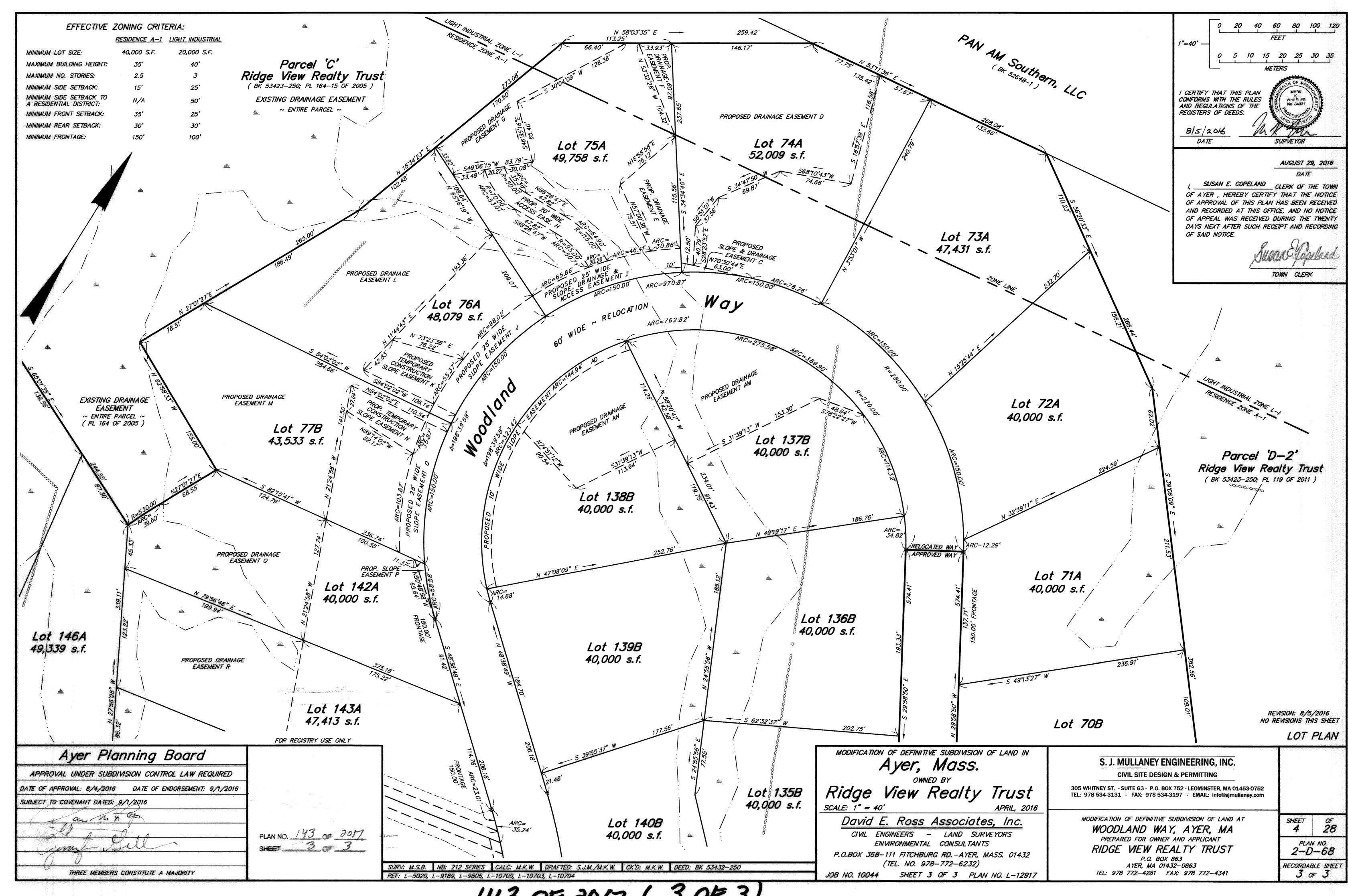
Whereas the boundaries of said ways as laid out are shown on a plan entitled "Modification of Definitive Subdivision of Land in Ayer, Mass. Owned by Ridge View Realty Trust," dated April 2016, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., which plan is recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan #143 of 2017, which plan was referred to the Planning Board and which plan is hereby adopted as a part of this Order, and all land lying within the above described boundaries of Woodland Way and Hemlock Drive (Portion), as herein described, are hereby laid out as town ways.

The aforementioned plan is hereby forwarded to the Town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout is hereby reported to the Town for acceptance.

Adopted: September, 2022	TOWN OF AYER, By its Select Board
	Jannice L. Livingston, Chair
	Shaun C. Copeland, Vice Chair
	Scott A. Houde, Clerk
Filed in the office of the	
Town Clerk, September, 2022 Town Clerk, Attest	







143 OF 2017 (3 OF 3)

OWNER-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

Town of Ayer

This agreement made the day of , by and betw	een the Town of Ayer					
Hereinafter called the "Owner", and Calgon Carbon C						
Name of Contractor						
Witnesseth, that the Owner and the Contractor, for the consider	ration hereinunder named, agree as follows:					
Article 1. Scope of Work: The Contractor shall perform Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Resin Filter Media Replacement	5					
22DPW10 Ayer DPW Project Name and Number	Telefred to in the Contract Documents prepared by					
Ayer DPW	acting as and referred to as the "Engineer".					
Architect/Engineer	attracted of the analytical point period and the second second of the con-					
Article 2. Time of Completion: The Contractor shall co	ommence work under this Contract on the date specified in the					
written "Notice to Proceed" and shall bring the Work to S	Days					
Damages for delays in the performance of the Work sha Conditions of the Contract.	II be in accordance with Article 8.3.2 of the General					
Article 3. Contract Sum: The Owner shall pay the Co	ntractor, in current funds, for the performance of the Work,					
Three Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Twenty-Six dollars	and Zero Cents Dollars \$ 352,026.00					
Contract Amount in Words	Contract Amount in Dollars					
The Contract Sum is divided as follows:						
Item 1: The Work of the Contractor, being all Work	other than that covered by Item 2 \$					
Item 2: Subcontractors as follows (Not applicable	for this project)					
Section - Trade	Subcontractor Amount					
1	\$					
2	\$					
3	\$					
4	\$					
5	\$					
6	\$					
7	\$					
8	\$					
9	\$					
10	\$					
Total for Item 2	\$					

Article 4. The Contract Documents: The following, together with this Agreement, form the Contract and all are as fully a part of the contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein: The Advertisement, Bidding Documents, Contract Forms, Conditions of the Contract, and Specifications as enumerated in the Table of Contents, the drawings as enumerated in the List of Contract Drawings and all Modifications issued after execution of the Contract. Terms used in this Agreement which are defined in the Conditions of the Contract shall have the meanings designated in those Conditions.

Article 5. Alternates: The following Alternates have been accepted and their costs are included in the Contract Sum stated in Article 3 of this Agreement:

Alternate No(s):

and

Article 6. REAP Certification: Pursuant to M.G.L. c.62(c), sec.49(a), the individual signing this Contract on behalf of the Contractor, hereby certifies, under the penalties of perjury, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Contractor has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Article 7. Validation: This Contract will not be valid until signed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties Hereto Have Caused This Instrument to be Executed Under Seal.

Corporate Vote authorizing signatory to sign Contract.

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1 CONTRACTOR	Town of Ayer
Calgon Carbon Corporation	
Name of Contractor	Printed Name
3000 GSK Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108	
Address	Signature and Seal
By:	
Signature and Seal Jeremy J. Jones, DWS Project Manager	Title
Witness	Attest:
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Owner Contractor Agreement 2 of 2



Corporate Resolution

I, Jessica Underwood, Associate General Counsel, hereby certify that Jeremy J. Jones, DWS Project Manager, is authorized to execute the attached contract/bid under the bylaws and delegations of the authority of Calgon Carbon Corporation. I fully certify that this delegation is in full force and effect, and as the person named in said delegation holds the office so designated.

Calgon Carbon Corporation 3000 GSK Drive Moon Township, PA 15108 State of Incorporation: Delaware Date: November 27, 1967

By:

Jessica Underwood

Associate General Counsel

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny

Signed (or attested) before me on January 17, 20 11 by Jessica Underwood

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Robyn L. Galiardi, Notary Public Allegheny County

My commission expires May 16, 2022 Commission number 1332640

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries



Town of Ayer Public Works Department 25 Brook Street Ayer, Massachusetts 01432

Re: Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Resin Filter Media Replacement, Project No. 22DPW10 Ayer DPW

Dear Mr. Van Schalkwyk:

Calgon Carbon Corporation (CCC) is pleased to offer you our CalRes 2301 Macroporous Resin. Calgon's CalRes 2301 resin has proven to outperform other gel resins. Additionally, this resin can handle chlorine disinfection should the bed be contaminated with Bac-T.

The exchange price for IX resin, CalRes 2301:

Resin and Disposal (424 CF) Includes installation, removal and landfill disposal	\$176,013.00
Price per CF	\$415.25

The following proposed price will also cover a 2nd exchange if completed within 12 months of the First exchange. Also attached is Calgon Carbon's BV guarantee as requested per the bid specifications

Thank you for considering a Calgon Carbon water treatment technology.

Sincerely,

Charles Drewry

Calgon Carbon Corporation
Drinking Water Solutions
352.467.0103
Charles.Drewry@kuraray.com



Town of Ayer, Massachusetts

Ion Exchange Water Treatment System Performance Warranty

1.0 Description of Warranty

Calgon Carbon Corporation (Vendor) hereby warrantees to the Town of Ayer (Utility) that the lead bed of the ion exchange (IX) treatment system, when operated at an average of at 1580 gallons-per-minute (gpm), will treat a minimum of 63,400,000 gallons (20,000 bed volumes (BV)) of water before the lead bed effluent concentration of any of the following poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the Massachusetts "PFAS6," is measured at a level above the method reporting limit (MRL) of 2 nanograms-per-liter (ng/L) when measured using USEPA Method 537:

- Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
- Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFOA)
- Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
- Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)
- Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)
- Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)

1.1 Warranty Period

The warranty will commence for the IX system on the day the IX media is first placed into service or placed on an idle or stand-by mode in a wetted condition (filled with water), and continue for 63,400,000 gallons or six (6) months thereafter (i.e. the "Warranty Period"), whichever should occur first. This warranty shall be void if removal of the media occurs for any other reason before this time frame expires.

Provided the GAC contactor equipment performance, as defined above, is demonstrated for the listed volume or period of time, then the Performance Warranty shall expire with no residual remedies available to the Utility.

1.2 Responsibilities of the Utility

This Performance Warranty shall be deemed void if the Utility fails to meet any of the following conditions pertaining to IX resin use and the system in which IX resin is used:

- A. The design parameters (system, equipment, and peripheral components) must be consistent with sound engineering practice.
- B. Feed water must not contain any oxidizing agents including, without limitation, chlorine, ozone, or permanganate.

C. Feed water content of any individual contaminant or set of contaminants (sulfate, chloride, nitrate, and alkalinity, PFAS6) may not be more than 15% higher than the average concentrations as listed in Appendix B of the Bidding and Contract Requirements and Specifications, Project No. 22DPW10, shown summarized below:

Chloride (mg/L)	Nitrate (mg/L)	Sulfate (mg/L)	Alkalinity, Total (mg/Las CaCO₃)	TOC (mg/L)	Sum of "PFAS6" (ng/L)
120	0.35	40	70	1.0	125

- D. No sequestrants, cleaning or treatment chemicals, or any other chemicals shall be used in the resin system unless approved by Vendor.
- E. System must be operated per Vendor Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manual and provide daily operational logs upon request by Calgon Carbon.
- F. Vendor must be notified within a reasonable amount of time if operational or treatment issues are observed, in particular, those pertaining to performance.
- G. The resin must be maintained in a clean condition and must not be contaminated by particulate matter, colloidal or precipitated solids, biological growth or foreign materials (including but not restricted to cationic surfactants, solvents, soluble oils, free oils, lipids, and high molecular weight natural polymers).
- H. The customer is responsible for ensuring that frequent, adequate system performance data are routinely recorded in a systematic format that is regularly reviewed. Data collected must include weekly flow, pressure and meter readings and monthly incoming water analyses including PFAS6, sulfate, chloride, nitrate, alkalinity, and total organic carbon (TOC). Customer agrees to make this data available to VENDOR on a reasonable basis at Vendor's reasonable request for evaluation of warranty claims.
- I. Customer must keep resin moist at all times after installation.
- J. Representative samples of used resin must be provided by the customer upon exchange when requested by Vendor.
- K. Bacteria levels in the influent and influent delivery mechanisms such as, for example, piping and manifolds in any well, shall be <5 colony-forming units-per-milliliter (cfu/mL). Vendor assumes no responsibility or liability relating to the bacteriological quality of the influent or within the wells and shall bear no costs relating to IX resin sanitization due to bacteria in the influent or elsewhere in the wells.</p>

1.3 Additional Responsibilities of Parties

The Vendor will provide technical assistance to establish the cause of the apparent failure of the IX system to produce the desired result. If it is subsequently shown through the independent analytical testing that performance was met, or that the apparent failure of the IX system was not due to a defect in the system itself, or that the influent is not consistent with the characterization identified above, then the expenses associated with determining the cause of the performance problem, including without limitation, the cost of the analytical testing, will be the responsibility of the Utility, and Vendor will be deemed to

be in compliance with its warranty obligations hereunder, the Warranty Period shall not be tolled during such time, and Vendor shall be fully reimbursed for all such related costs previously incurred.

1.4 Sole Remedy for Non-Performance

Vendor will replace the IX media at a discounted rate on a one-time-basis. The discounted replacement price will be calculated by multiplying the current purchase price of the IX media by the percentage of life achieved by the IX media versus the warranted life. (e.g. if the media provides 10,000 BVs of life before PFAS removal falls below the warranted value, the GAC shall be replaced at a price of 50% that of the current purchase price of the GAC).

1.5 Disclaimers

Vendor shall have no obligation or liability under this warranty for failure to meet the requirements set forth herein that arise, in whole or in part, as the result of (i) accident, disaster or event of force majeure, (ii) misuse, fault or negligence of or by The Utility or any other third party not under the control of Vendor, (iii) use of the carbon or equipment in a manner for which they were not designed or intended under this Agreement, (iv) external causes such as, but not limited to, power failure or electrical power surges, (vi) improper storage and handling of the carbon or the equipment, (vi) use of the carbon or equipment in combination with equipment or software not supplied by Vendor or not otherwise approved in advance by Vendor or (vii) defects in the design of the system or the system configuration as provided for in the specifications.

THE FOREGOING SETS FORTH THE VENDOR'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE THROUGHPUT WARRANTY AND REMEDY THEREFOR AND IS SUBJECT IN ALL RESPECTS TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES. SELLER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND THEREOF, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PURPOSE.

FORM FOR GENERAL BID

TO THE AWARDING AUTHORITY

A.	The undersigne	ed pro	oposes to furnish a	ll labor and materi	als required for	Grove Po Treatmen Resin Filt Replacen	t Plant er Media	for the
	Town of Ayer,	Mass	sachusetts			PROJ	ECT	
	in accordance	with C	Contract Documen	ts prepared by	Ayer DPW			
	For the contract specifications	t price	e specified below,	subject additions a		of Engineer/Archi cording to th		
В.	This bid include	es ado	ldenda number(s)	1				
C.			tract base bid prie	ce is: I thirteen dollars	and zero cents	Dollars \$	176,013.00	
			Bid Amount	in Words			Bid Amount in I	Numbers
	For Alternate	No.	1/	Add \$	Subtra	act \$		
		No.		\$		\$	*	
		No.		\$		\$		
		No.		\$		\$	4	
		No.		\$		\$		

Each Alternate shall be listed separately

D. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as general contractor, we will within five days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after presentation thereof by the awarding authority, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid and furnish a performance bond and also a labor and materials or payment bond, each of a surety company qualified to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the awarding authority and each in the sum of the contract price, the premiums for which are to be paid by the general contractor and are included in the contract price.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work; that all employees to be employed at the worksite will have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration at the time the employee begins work and who shall furnish documentation of successful completion of said course with the first certified payroll report for each employee; and that he will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to section 44A.

The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid is in all respects bona fide, fair and made without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this subsection the word "person" shall mean natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from doing public construction work in the Commonwealth under the provisions of section twenty-nine F of chapter twenty-nine, or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Calgon Carbon Corporation

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Name of General Bidder

Jacob A. Blake, DWS Project Manager

Signature & Title of person signing bid

3000 GSK Drive

Business Address

Moon Township, PA 15108

(City and State)

Note: If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of partners if different from business addresses.

Signature Co

Date:

05/11/2022

Water Division

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Daniel Van Schalkwyk, Director Kimberly Abraham, Water and Sewer Superintendent Pamela J. Martin, Business Manager



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Date: August 31, 2022

To: Dan Van Schalkwyk, Director

From: Kimberly Abraham, Water and Sewer Superintendent

RE: 2022 Drought Update

On August 4, 2022, Water Supply reached critical levels and immediate action was taken to impose a water ban on all non-essential water use. Through efforts by all customers the system recovered by August 7th.

Since then, despite the continued lack of rainfall, consumption rates have stabilized, and the Water Division has continued to meet and exceed demand.

The table below shows the average height of water at each tank since August 7th. The heights are normal and indicate that demand is being met. This also indicates that water is available for emergency use.

Since 8/7:	Avg. Height (feet)
Washington	51.4
Pingry	12.5

The table below shows the total consumption by month as well as the daily average, maximum and minimum days for each month from April through the end of August. All numbers are in Million Gallons. July had the highest total consumption, daily average and maximum day. Since new conservation measures were enacted on August 4th, consumption decreased for the remainder of August.

	April	May	June	July	August
Total Consumption (MG)	48.648	53.550	55.868	59.463	56.687
Avg (MG/Day)	1.569	1.727	1.802	1.918	1.829
Max Day (MG)	1.923	2.254	2.017	2.943	2.152
Min Day (MG)	0.788	0.816	1.431	0.884	1.249

Spectacle Pond Well Field has not shut down since the 3rd of July. Grove Pond Well Field has had short breaks in the past two weeks. Ideally, the Water Division would like to see the wells and treatment facilities have more breaks than they are currently getting. This indicates that we conservation measures are still needed.

It is understood that Fall is the ideal time of year to establish new lawns and landscaping. Current operational conditions indicate that the allowance of several variances to establish new lawns and landscaping would not significantly impact the operations of the Water Division and the ability to



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reliably deliver daily water service and capacity to deliver water in an emergency. This is, however, on the assumption that other non-essential water use remains restricted.

In the interest of allowing property owners to maintain property and supporting local landscaping business, it is recommended that the Water Commissioners lift the current suspension on Variances for Outdoor Water Use During Outdoor Water Use Restrictions.



Town of Ayer

Office of Community & Economic Development (AOCED)
Town Hall - One Main Street - Ayer, MA 01432 - 978.772.8220 X141



To: Robert Pontbriand, Town Manager From: Alan S. Manoian, Dir. AOCED

Date: 8/31/2022

Re: Request Placement on Ayer SB Agenda – AOCED Budget UDAG Funding &

Proposed "Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program"

The AOCED requests placement on the 9/6/22 Ayer Select Board Agenda for the review and provision of UDAG-portion funding for the AOCED FY23 Budget.

AOCED UDAG-portion FY23 Budget Request:

Director	\$43,347
Community Development Program Mgr	. \$33,054
Purchase of Services	\$15,500
Postage	\$300
Purchase of Supplies	\$9,000
Other Charges & Expenses	\$6,500
Fringe Benefits	\$6,000
Total	\$113,701

In addition, the Dir. of AOCED will make brief presentation on the status and disposition of the current Ayer Industrial Finance Authority (IDFA) Program and will provide brief overview of a proposed new & re-designed municipal lending program, known as the "Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program" designed to proactively retain and attract new large industrial and innovation companies, with associated job creation.

The Town of Ayer

Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program (Proposed)

Administered through the Ayer Office of Community & Economic Development (AOCED), the Town of Ayer MA introduces & offers the "Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program".

The "Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program" offers commercial loans up to \$200,000 at a competitive rate of interest as a municipal incentive-based lending program designed to attract sectors of new commercial enterprise, as proactively

identified by the municipality, to locate, operate and expand in the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts.

Identified New Enterprise Sectors:

- Large Industrial Companies
- Innovation Companies
- Legal Firms
- Engineering/Design Firms
- Financial Service Firms
- Artist Studios
- Music Recording Studios
- Commercial Kitchens
- Marketing & Communications Firms
- Product Design & Branding Firms
- Architectural Firms
- Movie/Film Production Service Firms
- (additional)

Loan applications for the proposed "Targeted New Enterprise Loan Program" would be submitted to a newly established Ayer Municipal Finance & Loan Review Committee for full review and determination of loan approval/denial and terms/conditions of subject commercial loan.

Office of the Select Board Office of the Town Manager



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2022

TO: Ayer Select Board

FROM: Robert A. Pontbriand

Town Manager

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report for the September 7, 2022 Select Board Meeting

Dear Honorable Select Board Members,

I am pleased to transmit to you the following Town Manager's Report for the September 7, 2022 Select Board Meeting. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you.

Administrative Update/Review of Town Warrant(s):

- At the meeting I will provide a brief Administrative Update on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Town since the Select Board last met on August 23, 2022.
- I have reviewed, approved, and signed the following Town warrants since the Select Board last met on August 23, 2022:

<u>Payroll Warrant – PR23-04 in the amount of \$396,903.06</u> was reviewed, approved, and signed on August 24, 2022.

Accounts Payable Warrant #23-04 in the amount of \$934,530.38 was reviewed, approved, and signed on August 30, 2022.

Appointments - COA Board of Directors and Cultural Council:

• Please see the attached memo from the Assistant Town Manager regarding the following individuals recommended for appointment to the COA Board of Directors and Cultural Council (See attached).

Request for UDAG Funding - COA Building Design Services/Due Diligence:

• Please see the attached memo regarding a request for UDAG funding for the COA Building design services and site due diligence (See attached).

<u>Historic Fire Station - Amendment for Extension to Original Agreement - South Bay Additional Removal:</u>

- As the Select Board will recall, the Town originally sold the Historic Fire Station located at 14 Washington Street to Cowfield Station, LLC (Mr. Calvin Moore) on May 7, 2018. As part of that original agreement dated May 7, 2018, the owner agree that within three (3) years, the owner would remove the South Bay addition on the station.
- The owner (Mr. Calvin Moore) requested and was granted an extension on August 3, 2021 to demolish the South Bay addition by the new deadline of August 1, 2022. The extension (See attached) stated that if the owner failed to demolish the addition, the Town was entitled to seek injunctive relieve, and was further entitled to an award of attorney's fees and expenses.
- In January 2022, Mr. Moore, sold the station to Seal Harbor Companies, LLC. The new owner, Seal Harbor Companies, LLC has yet to demolish the South Bay addition in accordance with the agreement and the August 1, 2022 deadline has passed.
- The new owner, Seal Harbor Companies, LLC has requested an extension until December 31, 2022 to remove the South Bay addition of the station. The new owner intends to seek site plan approval for five (5) residential units, one of which will be affordable, and one will be a commercial unit where his office will be located. The new owner has hired the firm of GPR and is actively working on the engineering/architecture for the building. The new owner anticipates that if he completes site plan review with the Planning Board this Fall, he could demolish the South Bay and commence construction before winter.
- Attached is an amendment to the agreement as prepared and reviewed by Town Counsel which would grant the extension to December 31, 2022 to remove the South Bay addition of the station. The amendment would further allow for the demolition of the South Bay addition to occur ninety (90) days after the issuance of all permits necessary to complete the project.
- To successfully complete this project and to ensure the historic preservation of the Historic Fire Station, it is recommended that the Town work with the new owner to complete this project and to grant the extension to December 31, 2022. To pursue injunctive relief will be time consuming and not in the best interests of completing this project and insuring the historic preservation of the station. It is respectfully recommended that the Select Board review the amendment to the agreement and consider voting to approve and sign the amendment granting the extension to December 31, 2022.

Thank you.

Attachments: Appointments Memo from the Assistant Town Manager

Request for UDAG Funding Memo from the Assistant Town Manager

Extension Agreement for Historic Fire Station South Bay Addition Removal (Signed on August 3, 2021)

Proposed Amendment to Agreement for Extension for South Bay Addition Removal to December 31, 2022

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Memorandum

To: Ayer Select Board

Town Manager Robert A. Pontbriand

From: Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manage

Date: September 1, 2022

Re: Appointments to Council on Aging Board of Directors & Cultural Council

September 7, 2022, Select Board Meeting

Dear Honorable Select Board,

On behalf of Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Manager, I am respectfully requesting that the following appointments be made:

<u>Name</u>	Board	Term Expiration Date
Marge Withee	Council on Aging	June 30, 2025
Susan Tordella-Williams	Cultural Council	June 30, 2023
Jin Hong	Cultural Council	June 30, 2024
Bob Williams	Cultural Council	June 30, 2024
Linda McGillicuddy	Cultural Council	June 30, 2025

Attached to this memo, you will find letters of interest from each candidate.

Thank you for your consideration!

From: Marge Withee

To: Carly Antonellis; rpontbriand@ayer.ma.us; Katie Petrossi

Subject: Re: Senior Council Board

Date: Friday, August 26, 2022 2:33:15 PM

I have asked to be appointed to the

Ayer Senior Council Board. I am a retired school music teacher, and church organist. I am originally from Maine, and we moved to Ayer in 2014. We previously lived in St. Albans, WV, and Millis, MA. My husband and I have 3 adult children, and 2 grandchildren.

I wish to be on the Board, as I see a special need for our elderly population. I had worked with the elderly in my previous job, and I realize how many elderly people are isolated, and need a kind word, or help now and then. I attend the senior center functions, and I see the good things happening there, and I will do my best to help all elderly come to enjoy, and know what is being offered for them at the center. I also think it's an important time for our town in the future of a new senior center, and meeting the needs of the elderly. Our seniors today are handling much more than before, and we need to reach out to every senior citizen.

From: Susan Tordella
To: Carly Antonellis
Subject: Cultural council

Date: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:32:36 PM

Carly I am interested in serving on the air cultural council. I am a musician and have also applied for and received a grant from the Littleton cultural Council for a performance that I co-produced in 2006. I have had some experience with a cultural council.

I am a supporter of the Arts and I'm the volunteer at a the lowell merrimack theater. I am interested in reviewing the applicants for Grants and working with the council to award the grants. Please consider this my formal application to the Ayer cultural Council.

Susan Tordella-Williams Ayer, MA 01432 From:

Jin Hong

Dear Ms. Antonellis,

I was approached by members of Ayer Culture Council, about the prospect of serving on the Council. I have actually just volunteered to serve on the Ayer FInance Committee, but since I have not done any work yet, and have not felt the time constraint, I guess I am open to serving on another committee.

As I stated in my application to serve on the Finance Committee, I have lived in Ayer for 29 years. I run a small business. I am quite interested in history and culture in general. I am a regular supporter of the New York Philharmonic and Metropolitan Opera (sorry BSO, I love BSO too, they did not ask me to donate as the New York groups did). I attended Indian Hill Music concerts frequently. When I traveled to Europe, I always attended concerts and visited museums whenever I could. I guess my taste in music skews towards classical music. I have sung with Nashoba Valley Chorale for about 10 years, and occasionally we have sung contemporary pieces too. I have sung Gospel and Folk songs and really enjoyed them. I have also been a big supporter of the Sandy Pond Schoolhouse, but that's more history and probably not in the realm of the Ayer Culture Council.

I think I am familiar with what the Ayer Culture Council needs to do, because as a member of Nashoba Valley Chorale, I have approached area town culture councils for funding. I would be happy to help support worthy culture groups that benefit the townspeople.

Best, Jin

Jin Hong, Ph.D.

From: Bob Williams
To: Carly Antonellis

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Hello Carly,

I wish to join the Ayer Cultural Council and ask that you might put my name forward to the Board of Selectman.

I previously served on the Council but had to resign due to meeting scheduling conflicts.

I am an amateur artist and a musician who believes art and music are what makes life worthwhile.

Please consider my interest, Bob Williams From: linda mcgillicuddy
To: Carly Antonellis

Subject: Volunteer at Ayer Cultural Council **Date:** Friday, August 19, 2022 4:18:36 PM

Dear Ms. Antonellis and Ayer Board of Selectmen,

I would like to apply as a volunteer on the Ayer Cultural Council. I am currently retired, but I was a preschool teacher at the Ayer Community School for over twenty years. I appreciate the benefits that the ACC gives to the community. I would like to help keep these benefits moving forward. I am familiar with the programs that ACC has supported in the schools, at the library, at Nashoba Park, and at Clear Path. I hope to be of service to the ACC and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda McGillicuddy

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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Memorandum

To: Ayer Select Board

Town Manager Robert A. Pontbriand

From: Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manage

Date: September 1, 2022

Re: Request for UDAG Funding – COA Building Design Services/Due Diligence

Dear Honorable Select Board,

As you are aware Article 15 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant authorized \$30,000 for a feasibility study for a new Senior Center. Promptly thereafter, work began on hiring a consultant to guide the Town through the process of both finding suitable land to construct a Senior Center and facilitating public engagement on Senior Center design and programming. The Town contracted with Abacus Architects + Planners from Boston, MA. We have greatly appreciated Abacus' hard work and support as we have been navigating through the arduous process of finding an appropriate site. As you are aware, finding the site has become more difficult than we originally hoped for. We have recently made some progress and are seeking funding to continue our work with Abacus Architects + Planners and to conduct due diligence on up to two potential sites for the Senior Center. At the request of the property owner, the address of the site is being withheld at this time.

We are requesting the following:

Continued Building/Site Design Services	\$15,000
21E Testing	\$6,000
Wetland Delienation/Flagging Services	\$5,000
Appraisal Costs	<u>\$5,000</u>

\$31,000

We are requesting that this funding come from the UDAG account, with an option for replenishment at a future Town Meeting, so that the Site Selection Committee (comprised of the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, COA Director, DPW Director, Economic Development Director, and two members of the COA Board of Directors) can build on its continued momentum to find an appropriate site to bring forth to Town Meeting for consideration of purchase.

Thank you for your consideration!

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

Reference is hereby made to that certain Agreement ("Agreement") dated August 3, 3021 by and between Town of Ayer ("Town") and COWFIELD STATION, LLC ("Owner") to remove the South Bay addition ("Addition") of the Historic Central Fire Station (the "Building") located at 14 Washington Street, Ayer, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Said Agreement is recorded at Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at Book 78566, Page 158, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Building was acquired by Seal Harbor Companies, LLC ("New Owner") by virtue of a deed dated January 20, 2022 recorded at Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at Book 79565, Page 551; and

WHEREAS, New Owner is in the process of obtaining approvals and permits necessary to alter the Building and requests an extension of time to remove the Addition so as to accomplish the construction work at the same time as the removal of the Addition;

NOW, THEREFORE the parties agree to modify Paragraph 1 of said Agreement as follows:

Covenant; Extension. The Town and New Owner agree that the time to remove the Addition
from the Building shall be extended to December 31, 2022. In the event New Owner is diligently
pursuing required permits and approvals to construct one commercial unit and five residential
units of which one shall be an affordable unit (the "Project"), but said approvals have not yet
been issued, the Town agrees to further extend the deadline to remove Addition until 90 days
after issuance of all permits and approvals necessary to accomplish the Project.

In all other respects the Agreement shall remain unchanged and is hereby ratified.

EXHIBIT A

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AGREEMENT (South Bay Addition Removal)

As of August 3, 2021

The following Agreement (this "Agreement") dated as of the date first appearing above is between TOWN OF AYER, a Massachusetts municipal corporation, having an address of 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432 ("Town") and COWFIELD STATION, LLC, having an address of 39 Main Street, Suite 204, Ayer, MA 01432 ("Owner").

For the purposes of this Agreement, the Town and the Owner shall, at times herein, be referred to each individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, Owner is the owner of certain property, commonly known as the Historic Central Fire Station (the "Building"), located at 14 Washington Street, Ayer, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, as more particularly described in a deed recorded May 7, 2018, with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 70973, Page 452 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Owner are parties to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement dated May 1, 2018 for the Property (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 38 of the Agreement, Owner agreed that, within three (3) years of the delivery of the deed to Owner, Owner would remove the South Bay addition (the "Addition") on the Building, failing which the Town was entitled to seek injunctive relief, and was further entitled to an award of attorney's fees and expenses incurred in bringing such action; and

WHEREAS, three (3) years has expired since delivery of the deed for the Property from the Town to the Owner, and Owner has not removed the Addition from the Building; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has requested an extension of the time in which to remove the Addition from the Building, to August 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town has agreed to said extension, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, agree as follows:

1. <u>Covenant; Extension</u>. The Town and the Owner agree that the time to remove the Addition from the Building shall be extended to August 1, 2022.

2. <u>Enforcement</u>. The Town and the Owner confirm, in the event of a breach of the covenant set forth at Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, the Town may enforce this covenant by seeking injunctive relief, and shall be entitled to an award of its attorney's fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such covenant.

- 3. <u>Authority</u>. Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants to the other that it has the legal right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement has been duly authorized, and that no other action by such Party is requisite to the valid and binding execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly set forth herein.
- 4. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be construed under and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 5. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Agreement is complete, and all promises, representations, understandings, warranties and agreements with reference to the subject matter hereof, and all inducements to the making of this Agreement relied upon by either Party hereto, have been expressed herein. This Agreement supersedes all oral and prior written promises, agreements, conditions, representations, understandings, interpretations or terms of any kind relating to the subject matter hereof.
- 6. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth in the introductory paragraph at the beginning of this Agreement and shall be deemed delivered on the earlier to occur of (a) receipt or (b) refusal of receipt to the other Party at the address first set forth above or such other address designated in the manner set forth above.
- 7. <u>Recording: Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement shall be recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, and shall be enforceable by, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.
- 8. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is contrary to, prohibited by, or deemed invalid under applicable law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be omitted to the extent so contrary, prohibited, or invalid, but shall be enforced to the extent permissible, and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be invalidated thereby and shall continue in effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

TOWN OF AYER,

Shaun C. Copeland, Chair

Scott A. Houde, Vice Chair

Jannice L. Livingston, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

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On this Aday of August, 2021, then per	sonally appeared before me, the
undersigned notary public wellen	, member of
the Ayer Select Board, as aforesaid, who proved to identification, which was	me through satisfactory evidence of
identification, which was	/// /// to be the person whose name
is signed on the foregoing instrument and acknowled	edged the foregoing instrument as
his/her/their free act and deed on behalf of the Tow	n of Ayer.
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COWFIELD STATION, LLC

By:

Calvin Moore, Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

On this 3 day of August, 2021, then personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, Calvin Moore, Manager of Cowfield Station, LLC, as aforesaid, who proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was fix your form to be the person whose name is signed on the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the foregoing instrument as his free act and deed on behalf of Cowfield Station, LLC.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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



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Wednesday August 16, 2022 Open Session Meeting Minutes

SB Present: Jannice L. Livingston, Chair; Shaun C. Copeland, Vice-Chair; Scott A. Houde, Clerk

Also Present: Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Manager

Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manager

<u>Call to Order:</u> J. Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Select Board members and meeting attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Public Input: None

Ratification of Appointment of Benefits & Payroll Manager: R. Pontbriand introduced Ms. Amanda Lewis, who is his recommended candidate for the Benefits & Payroll Manager position. He is requesting ratification of her appointment for a three-year term, effective September 12, 2022 – June 30, 2025. Ms. Lewis served in this role at the Ayer Shirley Regional School District for 18 years. J. Livingston welcomed her and asked why she was interested in changing her job. Ms. Lewis stated that she loves the Town of Ayer, lives in Town and would only ever leave the school district to come to work at the Town Hall.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to ratify the appointment of Ms. Amanda Lewis as the Benefits & Payroll Manager for a three-year term effective September 12, 2022 – June 30, 2025. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Peter Cunningham, Nashua River Rail Trail - Request for Letter of Support: Mr. Peter Cunningham is both a member of the Groton Select Board and the Friends of the Nashua River Rail Trail. He is seeking a letter of support to the Governor imploring DCR to put the Rail Trail on their Capital Improvement Plan, as there are many surface imperfections. A 2017 Trail Assessment Plan calls for paving to be done by 2022, which will clearly not happen this year. P. Cunningham noted that there was an increase in usage on all rail trails due to the pandemic.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland that the Select Board sign the Letter of Support as presented by Peter Cunningham regarding the Nashua River Rail Trail. **Motion passed 3-0.**

R. Pontbriand then recognized Irving Rockwood and Marion Stoddard both of whom are members of the Friends of the Nashua River Rail Trail. P. Cunningham thanked the Ayer DPW who has done maintenance on the trail when needed.

Susan Copeland, Town Clerk - Election Update: S. Copeland announced that the State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday September 6, 2022 with early voting starting Saturday August 27, 2022 through Friday September 2, 2022. The State General Election will be held on Tuesday November 8, 2022, also with early voting preceding election day. S. Copeland noted that there was a provision in the VOTES Act, which was signed by Governor Baker in June 2022, relating to the assignment of Police Officers at Polling Locations and the requirement that the Select Board vote to authorize police officers working at polling locations in the absence of a Constable.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to approve enough police officer(s), in the absence of a constable, at the polling location of every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of the Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

Dan Van Schalkwyk, Director, Dept. of Public Works – Update on Drought and Water Supply: D. Van Schalkwyk and Water & Sewer Superintendent Kimberly Abraham were in attendance. They reported that most of the Commonwealth is in a Level 3, Critical Drought and the Ayer/Littleton area is experiencing a 7" rain deficit at this point this year. Ayer has banned all non-essential outdoor water use for the time being. D. Van Schalkwyk stated both treatment plants at Grove and Spec Ponds have been running constantly. As of today, both of the Town's water tanks have rebounded from the low levels during August 5th – 8th.

- S. Houde asked what would happen if there was a dip in the capacity of the wells due to the drought? D. Van Schalkwyk stated he would have to evaluate it on a case-by-case basis, as there could be several factors leading to a decrease in capacity. One option would be to establish an emergency interconnection with a neighboring Town or Devens to take pressure off the Ayer system. K. Abraham said that the Department is constantly monitoring everything, including rainfall, consumption, and usage.
- J. Livingston said sometimes she sees reports on Facebook that McDonald's is running their sprinkler system. K. Abraham stated that she has spoken with the manager, and he will be shutting off the sprinkler system. Also, she stated that she spoke with the plant managers of some of the larger water uses and they were willing to cut their production temporarily to assist the Town, due to the drought conditions.
- D. Van Schalkwyk stated that the SB needed to take a vote, that in accordance with the rules and regulations that the SB issue a State of Water Supply Conservation retroactively to August 4, 2022, which includes non-essential outdoor water usage.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland that the SB issue a State of Water Supply Conservation, in accordance with the rules and regulations, retroactively to August 4, 2022, which includes non-essential outdoor water usage. <u>Motion Passed 3-0.</u>

Agreement for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Services – MassDevelopment – D. Van Schalkwyk was pleased to report that the Town and MassDevelopment have finally reached an agreement. It is essentially the same agreement that the Town submitted in December, which reduces the Town's required flows from 100,000 gallons to 50,000 gallons per day and reducing the capacity from 800,000 gallons down to 350,000 gallons. This a ten-year agreement with a reopener.

S. Copeland asked what the financial impact of the new contract was. D. Van Schalkwyk stated that the cost savings will come from the reduction in flows.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to approve the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Services with Mass Development. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Change Order 1 – Westford Road Water and Sewer Replacement – D. Van Schalkwyk presented Change Order 1 for the Westford Road Water and Sewer Replacement. The change order includes the addition of one hydrant, one sewer manhole, and escalations as required by MGL c30 s39M in a total amount of \$20,090.87. He is recommending approval of Change Order No. 1.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland to approve Change Order Number 1 between the Town of Ayer and J.P. Cardillo & Sons, Inc in the amount of \$20,090.87. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Change Order 3 - Spectacle Pond Treatment Plant – PFAS Treatment Facility – D. Van Schalkwyk presented Change Order 3 for the Spec Pond PFAS Treatment Facility. This is the final change order for the project which moves the

substantial completion date to June 6, 2022, and final completion to September 30, 2022. Additionally, the change order reduces the Contract amount by \$18,391.80 with Winston Builders Corporation, Inc.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland to approve Change Order Number 3 between the Town of Ayer and Winston Builders Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$-18,391.80. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Main Street Traffic Calming – Alan Manoian, Director of Community and Economic Development joined D. Van Schalkwyk. They gave a brief presentation of their tactical urbanism traffic calming measures which includes dedicated bike lanes, painted curb extensions and stenciled "25 MPH" in various spots on Main Street. A painted island at the corner of Main and Columbia Streets also helps delineate traffic and calm speeds. A. Manoian stated that in his observation these measures have been working.

S. Copeland asked about installing flashing lights at Washington Street because it gets very busy downtown at night. D. Van Schalkwyk will make a note of it and take it under consideration.

Opening of the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant – October 24, 2022: R. Pontbriand is recommending that the SB open the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant this evening and close it on Friday September 30, 2022, at 1:00 PM for Warrant Articles and Citizen's Petitions. The SB will then review and approve the warrant at their Tuesday October 4, 2022, meeting and it will go to print on October 7, 2022; it will be mailed to all households the following week. The Special Town Meeting will be held on October 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Ayer Shirley Regional High School, 141 Washington Street.

<u>Motion</u>: A motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to Open the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant and to close it on Friday September 30, 2022, at 1:00 PM for Warrant Articles and Citizen's Petition. <u>Motion passed 3-0.</u>

Town Manager's Report - Administrative Update/Review of Town Warrant(s): R. Pontbriand provided a brief Administrative Update to the Select Board on the various activities, initiatives, and projects of the Town since the Select Board last met and referenced the Town Warrants that are in the Select Board's packet that were approved since the Select Board last met. He stated that in the area of personnel, the Town is very busy. The new Assessing Administrator has started, the new Benefits & Payroll Manager will start on September 12, 2022. Additionally, the Assistant Town Manager and other relevant Department heads are working on finalizing the job description for the Town Social Worker position. The Town will be going out for advertising for the Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer position within the next week or so. He stated that the Town's Financial Team and Bi-Board have been working on updating the Town's Financial Policies. He stated that the Cable Advisory Committee will be convening the last week of August. He updated the SB on other administrative items, including the upcoming discussion on Mutual Aid, the HVAC System at the Ayer Library and a progress update on Depot Square.

Acceptance of Donation – COA- Per request of the COA Director, Dr. Katie Petrossi, R. Pontbriand is asking the Board to vote to accept a \$100 donation from Compassus Home Health & Hospice. The COA was honored to assist one of their clients, a longtime Ayer resident, with his final wish to go fishing. This donation will be placed in the COA donation account.

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland to accept the \$100 donation to the donation account. **Motion passed 3-0.**

September Meeting Schedule - The SB discussed their next meeting date, which was originally scheduled for September 6, 2022 but will have to be rescheduled due to the upcoming State Primary Election. The SB decided to move their meeting to Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM, both in-person and via Zoom.

Update on Restoration of the Town Hall Cannon (Howitzer) – R. Pontbriand stated that A. Manoian is actively working to get the estimates and quotes for the refurbishment of the cannon. The Facilities Department has gotten their estimates on the use of the crane and the landscaping work.

New Business/Select Board Member Questions: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by S. Houde and seconded by S. Copeland to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2022. **Motion passed 3-0**.

Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel) Benefits & Payroll Manager: At 7:15 PM a motion was made by S. Copeland and seconded by S. Houde to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A Exemption #2 (Non-Union Personnel) to discuss the contract for the recently appointed Benefits and Payroll Manager and to adjourn from Executive Session. S. Copeland stated that to discuss these matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating strategy. Roll Call Vote: S. Houde, aye; S. Copeland, aye; J. Livingston, aye. Motion passed by Roll Call Vote 3-0.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant Town Manager

Date Minutes Approved by SB:	
Signature Indicating Approval:	