

AYER AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Annual Spring Town Meeting
April 26, 2021



THANK YOU!

○ Housing Trust

- How did we arrive here
- Purpose of the Trust
- Board of Trustees
- Tentative Schedules



○ Bylaw Basics

- What You Are Voting on Tonight



HOUSING TRUST UPDATE



- How did we arrive here:
 - 2017 Master Plan
 - 2019 busy year
 - Affordable Housing Committee formed
 - Started work on Housing Production Plan
 - Began planning for the Affordable Housing Trust
 - Multiple Public Information Sessions
 - Open dialogue with Regional and State Housing Agencies
 - 2020 Town Approval for Affordable Housing Trust
 - Received \$30,000 Community Preservation Funds as a start
 - Began the development of Bylaws, review/feedback
 - 2021 and Beyond
 - Housing Production Plan sent to State
 - Voting Tonight on Bylaws



PURPOSE OF HOUSING TRUST

- The purpose of the Ayer Affordable Housing Trust (the “Trust”) is to **provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Ayer, for the benefit of low and moderate income households and for the funding of community housing**, as defined in and in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44B. The Trust shall be governed by a Board of Trustees (the “Board”) in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C...





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 7 Member Board
- One member from the Select Board, Planning Board, Community Preservation and Affordable Housing Committee, respectively
- 3 At-Large Members
- Appointed by the Select Board after consulting with Affordable Housing Committee
- Meets no less than 4 times a year
- Will hold public forums to keep public informed.
- Ultimate decision for requests



BYLAW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- First Public Information Session, Feb. 24th
- Final Town Counsel review by March 19th
- Another Public Information Session, March 24th
- Final copy on Town Warrant, April 2nd
- Spring Town Meeting, April 26th
- Once passed, filed with Town and State



TRUSTEE SELECTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Currently 10 At-Large Applicants
- Committee began to review process March 19th
- Interviews starting week of April 19th
- Final decision by April 28th
- Deliver names to Select Board, May 4th meeting

SCHEDULE				
Name:				
Meeting	Class	Day/Time	Location	Room

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BYLAW YOU ARE VOTING ON TONIGHT

○ Ayer Affordable Housing Trust

- Name and Purpose
- Board of Trustees
 - Tenure, Meetings, Power and Acts
 - Amendments
 - Funding
 - Public Entity of the Town
 - Open Meetings, Accounts, Audits, Procurement
 - Annual Report
 - Declaration of Trust





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You Have a Chance to Make a Difference in Your
Community!

