

**FORM A**  
**TOWN OF AYER CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FORM**

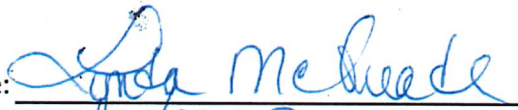
Assessors Department

FISCAL YEAR: 2025

Please list each capital request on this form with a dollar amount and in the appropriate year. Then complete a Form B for each request appearing on this sheet.

	Item Requested	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
1	v8 Appraisal Vision CAMA software	\$30,240				
2						
3						
4						
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Yearly Totals		\$30,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Department Head Signature:

  
Date: 10/26/2023

FORM B

TOWN OF AYER CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

DEPARTMENT: Assessing Department

Please provide written explanation and justification and any appropriate backup materials that would be necessary to understand and consider this request.

Fiscal Year of Request: 2025

Item or Project: Conversion of Property Database/CAMA system to Vision Appraisal

Explanation of Request: After careful review and evaluation of conversion to Patriot Properties by other towns that have experienced loss of valuation data, the Assessing Administrator feels that the Vision Appraisal CAMA will be a better fit for the Town of Ayer due to loss of valuation and sketching issues with the conversion of IAS to Patriot Properties that was recently noted in 2 other Massachusetts towns. The capital request of \$9,500 for Assesspro AP5 Real Estate Software was approved at the Annual Town Meeting for FY2024. Vision Appraisal will transfer the sketches and valuation from IAS database to Vision Appraisal and will keep the sketches as they currently appear in our current system, thus allowing the Assessing Department less time in a desktop review. The increased cost of Vision Appraisal includes 4 training sessions and the conversion of the live data and installation. The conversion process will be a 6 month period and Vision Appraisal will meet with the Assessor weekly during the process to review any issues. The Assessing Administrator would like to rescind the \$17,500 for the approved capital request for FY2024 and apply it to the proposed FY2025 Capital Planning request.

Cost Justification: The Town of Ayer currently utilizes IAS World/Tyler which requires multiple field entry for the same information/redundancy. IAS customer support is non-responsive causes delays in completing required workload when database issues arise. Vision Government Solutions is a well known CAMA system utilized by many communities and is known for excellent customer support. They have completed 420 software installations in New England including over 130 in Massachusetts.

Benefit to the Town: Vision Government Solutions for multiple years valuations appears on one card. Redundancy of importing information in many fields will be eliminated. Property card will more readily understandable which is currently an issue for the public.

Alternative: Continue to work with an inefficient property database.

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