

Town of Ayer
Board of Selectmen
Ayer Town Hall – Great Hall
Ayer, MA 01432
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 7:00pm



Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Attendance: *Present*

Christopher R. Hillman, Chair; Jannice L. Livingston, Vice-Chair; Gary J. Luca, Clerk
Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Not Present

Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Administrator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hillman at 7:04 pm.

Review and Approve Agenda:

MOTION: Motion made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 3-0.**

Ayer Curbside Solid Waste Collection Work Group Presentation to BOS: C. Hillman turned the meeting over to M. Wetzel, Superintendent of the Ayer DPW. M. Wetzel gave a presentation of the report that was submitted to the BOS on August 22, 2014. The presentation of the report included the following: goals and objections, summary of the workgroup activities; information on current operations, demographics, curbside collection in Massachusetts, curbside proposals, public input, benefits and disadvantages of curbside, costs and conclusions/recommendations.

G. Luca then made several inquiries relative to the tax levy supplementing the enterprise fund for the transfer station, reduction in tonnage from transfer station. MassDEP Recycling Coordinator Irene Congdon gave several explanations for the reduced tonnage including plastics being lighter in weight and the decline of the economy during the great recession.

C. Hillman inquired to I. Congdon as to whether she anticipated any major changes in solid waste/recycling requirements coming from the state. I. Congdon stated that she did not anticipate anything major and that Massachusetts was in the midst of the Solid Waste Master Plan, which ends in 2020.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Luca to table implementation of curbside pick-up. J. Livingston seconded motion for discussion purposes.

The Board then discussed wording of the motion to ensure accuracy of the intent of the motion.

G. Luca withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Livingston and seconded by G. Luca, based on 2 public input meetings, 603 signatures on a petition received by the BOS and the recommendation of the curbside study working group, that the subject of town-wide curbside be tabled until such time a significant change in all requirements

dictate otherwise. **Motion passes 3-0.**

C. Hillman and J. Livingston then addressed the crowd about the discussion becoming too personal. Both C. Hillman and J. Livingston encouraged the crowd to ask questions directly to Selectmen, rather than making assumptions.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Luca and seconded by J. Livingston to adjourn. **Motion passes 3-0.**

Meeting adjourns at 7:58 pm.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Carly M. Antonellis, Assistant to the Town Administrator

BOS Approved Meeting Minutes on 9/2/14

Approved by BOS Clerk , Gary J. Luca, Clerk