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Drivers Get Ready: West Main Street Bridge Replacement Expected to Start Mid-March

(Jan. 28, 2026) - On Wednesday, the Ayer DPW hosted a public information meeting for residents to learn about the West Main Street bridge replacement project over Nonacoicus Brook. Check out our

article, which includes a link to the town's project web page. *We downloaded this photo from the Town of Ayer website.*

[Read article](#)

Town Meeting

Next Week: School Budgets

On Tuesday Feb. 3rd, the Select Board is scheduled to meet with the Ayer-Shirley Regional School Committee to discuss the school's FY2027 assessment. The Nashoba Regional Technical High School is expected to share its assessment on Thursday, Feb. 5th (Source: Jan. 20th Select Board meeting presentation).

Our coverage:

Jan. 21, 2026: First Draft of Town Budget Filed for FY2027 - [Read](#)

Residents Learned About PFAS-Related Improvements and Remediation in January

In January, there were two updates on PFAS that arose out of town meetings. First, the town is moving forward with the Clearwell Storage project and substantial completion is expected by May, according to the DPW's presentation to the Select Board. Second, the town has started to receive funds from a PFAS class action lawsuit. The DPW has recommended some of these funds be used to pay for two capital projects, which means a savings for water ratepayers.

[Read article](#)

May 12: Annual Town Election

*If you are interested in running, now is the time to request nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office. You have until **March 20th at noon** to request nomination papers.*

(Jan. 20, 2026) – The Select Board voted 2-0 to open the nomination process for the May 12th Annual Town Election. These are the open seats:

- Assessor (1) 3-year term
- Board of Health (1) 3-year term
- Commissioner of Trust Funds (1) 3-year term
- Constable (1) 3-year term
- Library Trustee (1) 3-year term
- Park Commissioner (2) 3-year term
- Planning Board (2) 3-year term
- Regional School District Committee (1) 3-year term
- Select Board (1) 3-year term
- Housing Authority (1) 5-year term

Deadlines:

Last day to request nomination papers is Friday, March 20th at 12 pm.

Last day to submit completed nomination papers is Tuesday, March 24th at 5 pm.

We also published an article about this on the [Ayer News website](#).

Community

Saturday, Jan. 31st, 5:00pm-7:30pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - Labrinth of Light

St. Andrew's is offering Labrinth of Light, a quiet celebration of the return of light. Come walk the Labyrinth at this FREE meditative event in the Parish Hall. Directly across the railroad tracks from the Ayer Town Hall in the brick building. <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsayer>

Other Headlines

Town Meeting Warrant: *The Ayer Select Board Voted to Open the April 27th Town Meeting Warrant on Jan. 20th.* April 2nd is the deadline for all warrant articles and citizen petitions. Our article includes an update on the citizen petition voters approved last year re: electronic voting devices at Town Meeting, [Read](#).

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Coming Feb. 3rd: Select Board To Hold Public Hearing for an Out-of-Town Sewer Connection, [Read](#).

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4-Floor Mixed Use Building at 3-5 Park Street Approved: The Ayer Planning Board approved the site plan and special permit on Tuesday night, Jan. 27th (Story soon).

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Senior Center: On Thursday, Jan. 29th, the Senior Center Site Selection/Building Committee met and received the Design

Development Plans from the architect (Story soon).

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