

## Selectmen's Meeting

June 12, 2007

Ayer Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, Main Street, Ayer, MA

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### Present

Pauline Conley, Chairman	X
Gary J. Luca, Vice-Chairman	X
Carolyn McCreary, Clerk	X
Frank F. Maxant, Member	X
Pauline Conley,	X
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator	X
Janet Lewis, Secretary	X

### Public Input

1. James Fay-read letter/vision statement for Town of Ayer into the record, expressing residents concern re recent political climate and supporting Agenda Item Reorganization of Board. Mr. Fay feeling an apology was definitely in order.

### Board discussion re Agenda:

1. Selectman Maxant –approved by Chairman Conley to speak under Selectmen's Questions.
2. Selectman Sullivan-moved to amend Agenda by advancing Agenda Item #3 to Agenda Item #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Conley requested a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Selectman Sullivan moved to approve the 6-12-07 Agenda as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**Agenda Item #1. Municipal Electric Discussion-Roger Beeltje** -Present for the discussion Chris Ryan, Planning & Development Director who introduced Roger Beeltje former head of Town of Groton's Municipal Light Co. Mr. Beeltje presented the Board an overview of energy service options should the Town opt for municipalization of electric services. Mr. Beeltje reviewed with the Board streetlight options (owning fixtures), consolidation of electric load, energy services-market acquisition of energy/capacity needs-local suppliers, investigate self supply wind diesel, bio-mass) and sell back to grid. Mr. Beeltje advised to aggregation of load can greatly reduce residential rate and attract businesses. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board vote to allocate \$30K from UDAG interest to retain a consultant to provide a report to determine whether to move forward with implementation of re-municipal energy options for Board's deliberations and to reimburse UDAG with savings realized, if any, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**Agenda Item #2. Re-Organization of Board of Selectmen**-Selectman Luca opened the discussion by reading a prepared statement into the record calling for the Board vote to re-organize. Selectman Sullivan and Selectman McCreary also gave their own brief comments as to why the need to re-organize was necessitated due to leadership issues. Selectman Maxant electing not to vote to re-organize feeling Chairman's position –is a learning curve-need time to adjust. The Chair opened the floor to comments from the public. Selectman Conley then read a statement and asked whether there was a motion. Selectman McCreary moved the Board vote to re-organize, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman Luca aye, Selectman Maxant no, Chairman Conley abstained 3-1 motion carries. Chairman Conley called for nominations for Chairman, Selectman McCreary nominated Selectman Luca, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan, Chairman Conley nominated Selectman Sullivan, Selectman Sullivan declining appointment, no 2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman Luca aye, Selectman Maxant aye, Selectman Conley abstained. 4-0 motion passes. Selectman Gary J. Luca voted new Chairman. Selectman Conley moved the Board nominate candidates for Vice-Chairman, Selectman Luca nominated Selectman McCreary as Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: Selectmen McCreary aye, Chairman Luca aye, Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman Maxant aye, Selectman Conley no, 4-1 motion passes. Selectman Conley opened the nominations for Clerk, Chairman Luca nominated Selectman Conley, no 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman McCreary nominated Selectman Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Maxant, VOTE: Selectman Luca aye, Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Maxant aye, Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman Conley no 4-1 motion passes.

20p.m. The Board took a five minute recess

25p.m. The Board reconvened the meeting

of 16-12-07/Pg.2

**Agenda item #3. Minutes: 3-6-07, 3-20-07, 4-3-07, 4-17-07, 5-1-07, 5-9-07, 5-29-07**

The Board discussed revisiting streamlining the minutes with tape back-up supplied by APAC. Selectman Conley reviewed with the Board her edits to minutes. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McCreary, VOTE: Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Maxant no, Selectman Conley no, Chairman Luca aye, 3-2 motion passes.

**Agenda Item #4. JBoS Update**-Chairman Luca updated the Board to 5-31-07 JBoS Meeting advising to Harvard looking to take back their land with in depth study. Selectman Conley advising to next JBoS Meeting on 6-21-07 suggesting Ayer Board of Selectmen identify pros/cons of 2B as starting point requesting Board to reschedule to 6-19-07 for longer discussion. Selectman Sullivan requesting maps, models be revisited re 2B. The Board requested to check with Rep. Eldredge re status of Devens Legislation.

**Agenda Item # 5 Employee Issue**-Town Administrator to record minutes -SEE PAGE 4. Town Administrator's minutes re: Janet Lewis Complaint.

**Agenda Item #6. Town Administrator's Report-**

**1. Performance Review-Town Administrator-**

Mr. Suhoski advised to one evaluation received and requesting the rest of the Board submit theirs as soon as possible for his compilation for discussion at the 6-19-07 meeting.

**2. Fuel Contracts**-Selectman Conley moved the Board approve the Fuel Contract for:

**#2 Heating Fuel** to Dennis K Burke, Inc. Chelsea, MA at \$.1342 per gallon over Boston Tank Car

**No Lead Gasoline**-to Dennis K. Burke, Inc. Chelsea, MA at \$0.0172 per gallon over Boston Tank Car

**Ultra-low Sulphur Diesel Fuel**-to C.W. Fuels, Inc. Pepperell, MA :

\$0.0290 per gallon over Boston Tank Car (500-2500 gallon deliveries)

\$0.0290 per gallon over Boston Tank Car (40-499 gallon deliveries)

\$0.0290 per gallon over Boston Tank Car (500-2500 gallons winter blend), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman

McCreary, VOTE: 4-0 Selectman Sullivan not present for vote.

**3. Water & Sewer Permits**-Selectman Conley moved the Board approve water & sewer permits for the following recommended by supt. Madigan: 10 John Riley Rd. for John Giamo Const. for 1" Water & Sewer Service and 18B Turtle Hill Rd. (Robert Hicks) for 1 ½ inch water sprinkler line, 4A Turtle Hill Rd for 1 inch water & sewer service and 4B Turtle Hill Rd (Robert Hicks)for 1 inch water & sewer service, and authorize the Chairman's signature, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McCreary, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**4. Town of Walpole-Unfriendly 40B projects**-Selectman Conley moved the Board vote not to respond, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: Selectman Sullivan aye, Chairman Luca aye, Selectman Maxant no, Selectman Conley aye, Selectman McCreary not voting 3-1-1 so moved.

**5. Fy-08 Appointments**-for review only to be finalized for Board of Selectmen's 6-19-07 meeting. The Board requested vacancies on Town Boards, Committees, Commissions be advised locally and on cable.

**6. Nashoba Publishing Extraordinary Service Awards**-Mr. Suhoski announced to Ayer's Paramedic Program being nominated to receive award on Thursday, 6-21-07 at 7pm at the Bull Run. Congratulations were sent to Lt. Chuck Dillion, Fire-fighters: John Bresnahan, Tim Shea, Jeff Swanson and David Greenwood.

**7. The Board scheduled Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 7pm to meet with Mark Coulter and Chief Rizzo and request Mr. Coulter list complaints and submit back to Board in advance of the meeting. The Board limited the meeting to two (2) hours. Selectman McCreary moved the Board authorize the Town Administrator to send letters requesting Mr. Coulter to list complaints and submit back to Board in advance of meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and limit the meeting to two (2) hours, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Sullivan aye, Selectman Maxant aye, Chairman Luca aye, Selectman Conley no 4-1 motion passes.**

**8. Routhier Parking Lot discussion**-tabled to 6-19-07 Selectmen's Meeting

**9. Selectman Maxant requesting documentation re damage to Police Station doorway and complaints received from Kellie Mansfield.**

**10. Selectman McCreary moved the Board issue vote of confidence in general re former Selectman Conley's allegation of Town Administrator falsifying time sheet 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan-VOTE: Selectman Sullivan**

aye, Selectman McCreary aye, Chairman Luca aye, Selectman Conley no, Selectman Maxant no-3-2 motion carries.

10:20p.m. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McCreary, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.



DATE: 9-18-07

Cornelius F. Sullivan, Clerk  
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN