## Emergency Selectmen's Meeting Thursday, September 28, 2006 Ayer Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Main Street, Ayer, MA Public Safety Issue

## 8:30p.m. Open Session

## Present

Frank F. Maxant, Chairman	X	
Pauline Conley, Vice-Chairman	X	
Carolyn McCreary, Clerk	X	
Gary Luca, Member	X	
Cornelius Sullivan, Member	X	
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator	Absent-death in family	
Janet Lewis, Secretary	X	
Paul Fillebrown Sr., Interim Fire Chief	X	

8:35 Chairman Maxant opened the meeting by advising to need to call emergency meeting due to ratification of Fire Chief's' Contract Extension which expires today unless action is taken to extend it which requires a vote of the Board of Selectmen to extend. The lack of a Fire Chief constitutes an emergency in that it will threaten public safety, calling for immediate action; being that that the Chief has specific duties with respect to the organization and management of the Fire Department including duties with respect to fire inspections.

Selectman Sullivan moved the Board vote to extend the Interim Fire Chief's contract effective September 29, 2006 to October 31, 2006 with the same terms and conditions in the previous contract expiring 9-28-06. Selectman Sullivan read Town Counsel's memo into the record dated 9-29-06 advising when the Interim Fire Chief goes out the door so does the delegation of authority i.e. Inspections of tankers, businesses etc. Selectman Conley questioning sudden change of mind of Chief Fillebrown re extension having questioned him two months ago re extending his contract longer, wondering what changed his mind. Chief Fillebrown stating he truly felt he would be done by now, but did not work out that way. Selectman Luca stating leaning on conservative side re liability issues for the Town agreed with Selectman Sullivan. Selectman McCreary 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Sullivan's motion VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board scheduled Monday, October 2, 2006 at 7:30a.m. to ratify the vote taken by the Board this evening. 8:38p.m. Selectman Luca moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Sullivan VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Carolyn Mc Creary, Clerk

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