

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 28, 1999
Ayer Library-lower level conference room
E. Main St. Ayer, MA

The Board met with Chairman Bresnahan, Selectman Sullivan and Selectman Pena.

The Minutes of 6-1-99 were amended re: Park Dept. request for assistance from the DPW for the new concession stand, the Board requested the minutes reflect the Board asking Supt. Girouard to contact the Park Dept. re: assistance the Dept. of Public Works would be able to provide. Selectman Sullivan moved to approve the Minutes of 6-1-99 with the amendment so stated, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous, so moved..

The Minutes of 6-21-99 were amended to reflect the Board to hold off on the Fy-2000 Annual Appointments to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Sullivan moved to approve the Minutes of 6-21-99 with the amendment so stated, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Town Crier: Chairman Bresnahan reminded Ayer residents to the 4th of July Celebration to be conducted on Saturday, July 3, 1999 beginning at 2:00pm with a parade, booths, games, & live entertainment throughout the day at Pirone Park and fireworks commencing at dusk.

Selectman Pena moved the Board appoint Mary Spinner to the Advisory Board and Capital Improvement Committee, per her letter dated June 23, 1999 2nd by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Agenda Items

1. Development Office Structure discussion

The Board met with Town Administrator-James Kreidler. Mr. Kreidler presented the Board proposed organization charts depicting structure for the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Office of Economic Development. The Board moved to approve the Town Administrator's proposal to have the development office reflect equally community development and business development structure proposed by Town Administrator James Kreidler. Motion made by Selectman Pena, Chairman Bresnahan stepped down to 2nd this motion: VOTE: Chairman Bresnahan aye, Selectman Pena aye, Selectman Sullivan nay, 2-1 motion passes. The Board moved to include Shaun Suhoski for consideration to the position of Community & Development Director agreeing that Mr. Suhoski has demonstrated leadership and talent for this position. The restructuring would include: Economic Development Director/\$42,500.00-Development Specialist-\$38,500.00 position, Administrative Asst.-\$12,500.00 and a Rehab. Specialist-Total Budget \$118,500.00. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the job description and classification remaining the same for the Director's position. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to top of the list applicants seeking the Economic Development Director's position being made aware of the new nature of the position may pull away leaving the second level applicants to select from.

2. Public Hearing-Earth Removal Permit Renewal-F&P Willows Trust

The Board met with Paul Routhier for F&P Willows Trust. Chairman Bresnahan opened the Hearing by requesting the Legal Notice be read into the record. Selectman Sullivan read the notice into the record advertised for the weeks of June 16, 1999 and June 23, 1999 in the Nashoba Publications newspaper. Chairman Bresnahan requested if there was anyone present wishing to speak for or against the petition-no one-stepped forward. The Board addressed amount and type of material: clay - to be removed 3,000 yards and method of removal: loader truck, hours of removal: 7a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday through Saturday and dust control measures to be taken during removal-area to be wet down daily. Chairman Bresnahan called for a motion. Selectman Pena moved to approve the Earth Removal Permit for F&P Willows Trust for 3,000 yard of clay for six (6) months-expiration: 12-28-99 at \$500.00 permit fee, 2nd by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

3. Public Hearing-Common Victualler's License-AM/PM Gas Inc. Georges Badran 20-30 Park St.

The Board met with Georges Badran for AM/PM Gas (Ayer Exxon Tiger Mart) 20-30 Park Street, Ayer, MA. Chairman Bresnahan opened the Hearing by requesting the Legal Notice be read into the record.

Selectman Sullivan read the Legal Notice into the record which ran on 6-23-99 in the Nashoba Publications Newspaper. Chairman Bresnahan requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the petition, no one stepped forward. Mr. Badran stated it was his intent to sell coffee, hotdogs, etc. The Board read into the record Nashoba Boards of Health Food Handler's Permit issued to AM/PM Gas Inc. Chairman Bresnahan called for a motion. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board approve the Common Victualler's License for AM/PM Gas Inc., 2nd by Selectman Pena. VOTE: unanimous, so moved. Cost: \$50.00 expires 12-31-99.

4. Tata & Howard, Don Tater & Jack O'Connell, re: Wastewater Treatment Plant-Presentation and Discussion

Present for the discussion: Joseph Curtin-MassDev., Peter Silberman-Earth Tech, John Marcin-Earth Tech, John Wareham-Nasoya, Joseph Sampson-Cains Foods, Paul Routhier-EPIC & CPF, Frank Maxant-resident, Gary Girouard-DPW Supt., James Kreidler-Town Administrator, James Carrington-resident, Ruth Rhonemus-resident, Charles Gordon-reporter, Nashoba Publications. Don Tater presented a draft report exploring three alternatives for the Town's handling of wastewater treatment; representing projections of cost, solutions to the year 2020. Alternatives explored were: Ayer-operating our own plant alone, joining a regional facility at Devens or "Hybrid" handling up to a Maximum of wastewater at the Ayer Treatment Plant and sending amounts exceeding the maximum to Devens for processing. The report presented by Tata & Howard assessed the Town's present wastewater plant, finding most of the structures in excellent condition having had many pieces of equipment recently replaced. Looking at a regional system would require to close the Town's treatment plant and upgrade the main pumping station with a pipeline to direct wastewater to the Devens plant. The Hybrid would require some upgrading at the treatment plant and pumping station and laying out sewer pipe. Mr. Tata stated estimated actual costs for all three alternatives being very close to each other approximately \$1.6 million Ayer's plant, \$1.8 Devens Regional, and \$1.7 Hybrid. Tata & Howard recommended the Town go with the Hybrid this being the most flexible. The Board reviewed with participants, population growth over the next 20 years, & costs associated with Ayer going off line should this happen. Mr. Silberman of Earth Tech discussed with the Board Devens 20-year guarantee with safeguards built in having taken away all risks. The Board requested Tata & Howard submit a final report by the July 26, 1999 Selectmen's Meeting and the Board would schedule a meeting that would be devoted totally to wastewater treatment proposals for early August (8/2/99). Chairman Bresnahan requested Town Counsel review Earth Tech's Devens Contract as well as Tata & Howards.

5. Goals & Objectives-Selectmen's & Police Chief's Goals & Objectives.

Chairman Bresnahan opened the discussion by stating his objection for all Town Departments to submit their goals & objectives stating the Board of Selectmen have individually prepared their own. Chairman Bresnahan stated the Board's intention to meet over the next few Selectmen's Meeting with Department heads re: their goals and long range planning. The Board met with Chief Richard Rizzo of the Ayer Police Dept the Chief reviewed with the Board his goals re: training, expanding community policing, offering more citizen police academies hopefully two a year along with the creation of a community advisory board. The Chief stated the need to expand the current Reserve Police officer program by recruiting new people and enhancing the dispatch services through a new fiber optic proposal linking the Fire Dept with the Police Dept. The Board addressed with the chief traffic problems in Town and congestion, in particular Washington St. School Zone of 35/MPH. The Chief advised the Board putting up a 25MPH traffic sign would be illegal. The Board questioned why Washington Street was not designated, as a thickly settled area of homes with homes only 100' apart should require a 25/MPH sign. Other areas addressed were Park St. with the Board agreeing Park St morning traffic is moving along well when officer was assigned there between 7:00am & 7:30a.m. The Board congratulated Chief Rizzo on his Goals & Objectives stating all being attainable and hopeful other Departments would follow his presentation & delivery.

10:28PM Selectman Sullivan moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.