

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 29, 1999
2nd Floor Town Hall -1 Main St., Ayer, MA 01432

7:00p.m. Open Session

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

AGENDA ITEM #2-1

#1. The Board met with Margaret Kidder of the Ayer Board of Health regarding the Aquifer Protection bylaw. The Board and Ms. Kidder approved the Aquifer Protection By-law with the following amendments.

Section #

3. Definitions

Special Granting Authority: From Board of Selectmen to Ayer Board of Health

4. Establishment/Delineation add 800 feet & change after dated____, which shall be Considered to be considered to be superimposed over other Districts established by this zoning by law.—**to: which shall be considered to be superimposed over other zoning districts.**

6-B

Prohibited Uses

The following uses, including anything that is not expressly permitted under section 6A or Section 6C of this By-law, shall be deemed to be prohibited.

6-C (PACE)

vi: first sentence change from greater too lesser.

7. Procedures for Issuance

Special permit

Change Special Granting Authority to Board of Health

10. Enforcement:

Change from Selectmen to Board of Health

MAP-Aquifer Protection

To be superimposed on Ayer Assessors Map

Selectman Sullivan moved the Board vote to approve the Aquifer Protection By-law as amended and instruct Mr. Kreidler to submit the by-law to the Planning Board for inclusion at their Public Hearing, 2nd Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. The Board thanked Mrs. Kidder for coming in.

AGENDA ITEM 2-2 RATE OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Page 1.

Purpose

Remove consistent with the rate of residential growth over the Last ____ calendar years.

Page 1

General

Add beginning on 6-1-99

Add thirty Two (32) building permits-further add no one person Or entity shall be issued more than six (6) of the total number of Permits available in any one year. For the purpose of this section, An accessory apartments shall constitute a dwelling unit Remove last sentence.

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Procedures:

Remove 3.2 alternate Friday/Fridays.

Add 3.5 in accordance with section 3.1 above..

Page 2. Delete Special Permit Exemption in its entirety.

Page 2. Exemptions add assisted living facilities

Page 2. Add date of June 1, 2004 for both dates (expire on & prior to)

Page 2. Delete-Flexible Development in its entirety

Selectman Bresnahan moved the Board approve the Rate of Development By-law with amendments and to instruct Mr. Kreidler to submit this by-law to the Planning Board for inclusion at their Public Hearing, 2nd by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Sullivan requested the Board adopt a One-Year Moratorium on new construction in the town of Ayer. Selectman Bresnahan stated he would be opposed to such an article based upon the Planning Board not recommending this. The Board discussed the citizens group present this evening presenting such an article to the Planning Board for inclusion at the Planning Board's Public Hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 2-3 HAZARDOUS WASTE BY-LAW

The Board approved of the late submission from PACE and voted to approve this article for inclusion on the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Bresnahan moved the Board approve the Hazardous Waste By-law and to submit this article to the Planning Board for their Public Hearing, 2nd by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

AGENDA ITEM 3.- Fy-2000 Omnibus Article: \$16,808,557.00

The Board reviewed with Town Administrator Mr. Kreidler and Ms. Gabree, Town Accountant the Draft of the Fy-200 Budget summary with the Administrator's recommendations.

The Board requested the following budgets be revisited:

1. Building Dept.-Zoning enforcement issues. Assistant's position increase.
2. Library-re: 10% raise issue/employees
3. Shared services: ZBA, Planning & Zoning Assistant's salary.
4. DPW-seasonal employee

Selectman Bresnahan moved to approve the recommended Fy-2000 Omnibus Article subject to the abovementioned departments requests being reviewed, 2nd Selectman Sullivan, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

AGENDA ITEM 4.-Fy-2000 Special Articles

The Board approved of the following Special Articles items not to exceed \$20,000.00. for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Bresnahan moved to approve the following Special Articles be approved for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, 2nd by Selectman Sullivan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Feasibility Study for Fire Station:	\$20,000.00
SHAVE Program	\$10,000.00
Park Dept.-Field renovations	\$ 6,500.00
DPW -Water/Sewer Rate Study	\$ 5,000.00
Treasurer's Office (stamp)	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$43,500.00

AGENDA ITEM 5.-FY-2000 CAPITAL ISSUES

1. Capital Policy-This text would allow a project of more than \$200,000 to be regular debt if there were an outside funding for the debt service.

The Board requested the following amendments are incorporated for consideration

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Formation of Capital Planning Committee: 3 options be developed:

1. 1 Member Selectmen, 1 Member Advisory Board, 1 member School Committee, 3 Citizens, Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, Assistant Assessor, Town Administrator, DPW Supt., Police Chief, & Fire Chief. (13) Everyone stays in as proposed.
2. No Department Heads (Big Spenders) 1 Member Selectmen, 1 Member Advisory Board, 3 Citizens, Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, Assistant Assessor and Town Administrator. (9)
3. No staff-Committee to use for support. 1 Member Selectmen, 1 Member Advisory Board, 3 Citizens.- Staff Support: Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, Assistant Assessor, & Town Administrator.

Specific Charge of Capital Planning Committee:

- 1.2 Add following language: An Article with an expense of more than \$200,000 that the Town is mandated to fund: add- or that has a debt service funding source that is outside of the operating budget may,---at the Selectmen's discretion, be recommended to Town Meeting to be funded as regular debt as per Section 1.1.

Conclusion Add language: Statement of Purpose--- Capital Planning is an integral component of our budgeting responsibilities for the Town of Ayer. We must remain cognizant of our Town's capital infrastructure needs and plan for them accordingly. If we remain focused on this mission it will only positively impact our Town's capital asset base, and it will also favorably impact our ability to have stable and predictable operating and capital budgets in the Town of Ayer.

In effect, such attention to these issues will help to unburden current operating budgets and assure that current generations pay for the current use and depreciation of our Town's assets while simultaneously leaving a health Town-wide capital asset base for the future.

When financial times are good, and even when financial times are difficult, we must continue to keep focused on this issue. It is our obligation to provide for the effective and efficient management of our capital resources no only for this generation, but also for its orderly transfer to the next.

5.2 Fy-2000 Debt Exclusions Articles

The Board approved of the following Debt Exclusion Articles to appear on the Town Ballot:

1. Class A Pumper Engine for the Ayer Fire Dept. Selectman Sullivan moved, 2nd by Paul Bresnahan.
2. Design & Construction of the re-roofing High School/Middle School
3. Boiler Replacement and related work High School/Middle School
4. Purchase of land for the purpose of preserving open space and recreation

5.3 Fy-2000 Regular Debt Items-Borrow Articles Requested under \$200,000

The Board reviewed the following list:

Selectmen:	Additional cost to renovate exterior of Town Hall	\$111,300
	Repoint bricks of Town Hall	\$165,000
Police:	new Cruiser	\$ 25,000
Fire:	Station Ventilation	\$ 67,264
	Thermal camera	\$ 28,500
	Personal Safety Devices	\$ 7,250
	Confined Space Rescue Equipment	\$ 18,750
	Skid Tank for brush truck	\$ 17,500
DPW	Crabtree Water Booster	\$ 30,000
	W. Main St.-Road Design	\$ 50,000
	Rebuild pumps Central Ave Lift Station	\$ 12,000
	Paint Ceiling Spec Pond Treatment Plant	\$ 10,000
	Macerator	\$ 50,000
Parks	Kiddie Junction repairs	\$ 12,000
	Concession Stand renovation & bathrooms	\$ 55,000

	Irrigation System fields	\$ 55,000
DPW	Sludge Landfill Cap	\$580,000

The Board took this matter under advisement for their next meeting.

5. Enterprise Warrant Articles –Ambulance & Solid Waste

The Board voted to support both of these articles to appear on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. VOTE; Selectman Sullivan, aye, Selectman Hamel aye, Selectman Bresnahan no. 2-1 motion passes.

Chairman Hamel announced the Board's Public Hearing on the Fy-2000 Budget being rescheduled from Wednesday, March 31, 1999 to Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 7:00pm at the Ayer Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

Chairman Hamel also advised the Board to Congressman Meehan holding a Town Meeting on Saturday, April 10, 1999 at 10:00a.m. at the High School Cafeteria and wishing to meet with the Selectmen ½ hour earlier at 9:30a.m.

Chairman Hamel read into the record a memo from Diane Sullivan regarding planned improvements to Downtown Ayer proposed by the MBTA through a Federal Transit Assistance Grant which would take into consideration parking as well as the number of trains in and out of the area. Ms. Also announced in her memo that the DEM Railtrail will generate eighty (80) parking spaces-both projects will generate a significant increase in the parking spaces in downtown Ayer.

12:00am Selectman Sullivan moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan. VOTE unanimous so moved.

 DATE: 5/18/1999
Paul D. Bresnahan, Clerk