

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 23, 1998  
2nd Floor Town Hall Meeting Room  
Main Street, Ayer, MA

7:00pm Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Norstrom and Selectmen Hamel. Selectman Bresnahan absent.

The Minutes of 3-9, 1998 were read and accepted.

**Public Input:** Chairman Norstrom requested if there was anyone present wishing to meet with the Selectmen. The following people requested to meet with the Board:

1. Steven Wentzel, re: tree removal on Mechanic St.
2. Charles Palmatier, re: sewer complaint-Snakehill Rd.

**Town Crier:** Chairman Norstrom made the following announcements:  
(see calendar attached) along with reminders from the Town Clerk's Office-Last date to register to vote in this years town election: 4-2-98-Election Date: 4-27-98-Town Meeting 5-11-98.

The Board met with Steven Wentzel of 15 Myrick St., Ayer, MA. Mr. Wentzel stated he was before the Board again due to not receiving notice from the Board whether or not he could remove the tree located in the middle of his driveway on Mechanic St. Town Administrator apologized for not contacting him re: the Building Commissioners review and response and requested Mr. Wentzel meet with Gabe Vellante.

The Board met with Charles Palmatier who expressed disappointment that residents on Snakehill Road were not tied into the Town's sewer system and requesting from the Board why they were excluded from tying into the Sandy Pond Sewer Line for 1/2 dozen residents with the line being less than one hundred feet from the first house in that area.

The Town administrator is to meet with Supt. Girouard re: this matter as well as looking into a few other areas in Town which are not on sewer.

The Board met with Marvin McMiller, Park Director re: Mrs. Lori Brennan submitting a letter of interest to fill the unexpired term of Russell Norstrom on the Park Dept. Selectmen Hamel moved the Board appoint Lori Brennan to the Park Dept. to fill the unexpired term of Russell Norstrom, Chairman Norstrom stepped down to 2nd this motion, VOTE: Selectman Hamel aye, Selectman Norstrom aye, Motion passes.

Coleen Norstrom requested a moment of silence be conducted for Robert Goyette a former Police Chief in the Town of Ayer from 1971-1973, who passed away earlier in the week.

The Board met with Amanda Stoddard, Health Assessor from the Agency of Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) from Atlanta, Georgia on behalf of Loretta Bush, Atlanta Director- as well as Boston Regional representative Susanne Simon and her assistant. Ms. Stoddard advised the Board that the Agency for Toxic Substance & Disease Registry, a Federal Health Agency of the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human services, is preparing a Public Health Assessment for the Fort Devens site. Ms. Stoddard gave a brief background required by law to conduct a public health assessment at each of the sites on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) priorities list. These assessments determine whether people are being exposed to hazardous substances and if so if the exposure is harmful and should be stopped or reduced. Ms. Simon advised the Board to part of the process is reviewing and evaluating information about Fort Devens and holding one on one meetings to learn more about community members health concerns in the Towns of

Ayer, Harvard, Shirley and Lancaster. Ms. Simon listed the dates re: town meeting dates. 3-23-98-Harvard at the Elementary School, 3-24-98 Ayer, at the Ayer Town Hall, 3-25-98 Shirley-Hazen Library, 3-26-98 Lancaster-Town Hall. Ms. Simon stated community members are welcome to come in to address health concerns. Selectman Hamel requested PACE members be contacted due to their involvement with the Shepley Hill consolidation. The Board thanked Ms. Stoddard and Ms. Simon for coming in and for their helpful information.

The Board met with Karen Swarnfelt and Babara Boisseau re: the Ayer Coalition for Community Wellness's "Family Health Day" at the Page School on Saturday, April 4, 1998 from 10:00am to 2:00pm which will bring awareness and information on various health issues including well-baby care, parenting issues, immunization and safety concerns to name a few of the programs planned for the day. Ms. Swarnfelt requested the Board endorse a Proclamation -Proclaiming April 4, 1998 Family Health Fair Day in the Town of Ayer-urging families in Ayer to join in on this significant and fun-filled day. The Board requested Ms. Swarnfelt to read the Proclamation into the record. The Board endorsed the Proclamation.

Chairman Norstrom took this opportunity to welcome Walter Razabonni, Representative Bob Hargrave's Administrative Aid-and welcomed Town of Ayer residents to come in this evening to meet with Walter if they had questions or concerns for Representative Hargraves.

The Board met with Diane Sullivan re: the Historic Preservation Agreements for the Ayer Town Hall and the Pleasant Street School. The Board was presented Deed Restrictions regarding the Ayer Town Hall and advised that the Historical Commission would be contacted to sign off the Pleasant St. School's Agreement. The Board was advised if not signed off would prohibit the release of funds. Selectman Hamel after a brief discussion moved to approve the Preservation Restrictions for the Town Hall and the Release of Funds Contract, Chairman Norstrom stepped down to second the motion, Vote Chairman Norstrom aye, Selectman Hamel aye, motion passes.

Ms. Sullivan took this opportunity to also present a Proclamation Proclaiming Fair Housing month in The Town of Ayer for the Month of April 1998. Ms. Sullivan read the proclamation into the record. Selectman Hamel moved the Board Proclaim April 1998 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Ayer, Chairman Norstrom stepped down to 2nd the motion, VOTE: Chairman Norstrom aye, Selectman Hamel aye, motion passes.

***Public Hearing: Common Victualler's License: Dan's Place-210 West Main St., Ayer, MA***

The Board met with Daniel Civitarese of 2 Sculley Rd., Ayer, MA. Selectman Hamel opened the Hearing by reading the Legal Notice which ran in the Nashoba Publications the week of 3-18-98. Mr. Civitarese stated he is the new owner of the former "Woody's Restaurant" at 210 West Main Street. The new name of the restaurant is Dan's Place and that he would be maintaining the same schedule regarding opening and closing hours and perhaps in the future expand the hours. Chairman Norstrom requested if he had notified his abutters, Mr. Civitarese presented to the Board certified green cards returned to him re: notification of abutters. Chairman Norstrom requested if there was anyone present wishing to speak for or against the license, no one stepped forward. The Board requested if he had a "Food Handler's License" Mr. Civitarese presented his license issued by the Nashoba Boards of Health issued on 3-16-98. Selectman Hamel moved to approve the license, Chairman Norstrom stepped down to 2nd the motion, VOTE: Chairman Norstrom aye, Selectman Hamel aye, Motion passes.

***Public Hearing: Common Victualler's License: Verona-Pizza-Seafood-18 Park St., Ayer***

The Board met with Photios Tzingos of 52 Kennedy Drive, North Chelmsford, MA. Selectman Hamel opened the Hearing by reading the Legal Notice which ran in the Nashoba Publications Newspaper the week of March 3-18-98. Mr. Tzingos stated he has entered into an Agreement to lease the former Subway Restaurant at 18 Park St., Ayer, MA. That he has been in the restaurant business for fifteen years, formerly in Westford,

MA. Mr. Tzingos stated he is still working with the Nashoba Board's of Health re: obtaining his food handler's license and fixing up the establishment. Mr. Tzingos stated he is hopeful to be open by the middle of April 1998. Chairman Norstrom requested if he had notified his abutters. Mr. Tzingos presented certified green cards returned to him re: notification of abutters. Chairman Norstrom requested if there was anyone present wishing to speak for or against the license-no one stepped forward. Selectman Hamel moved to approve the license contingent upon his obtaining his food handler's license, Chairman Norstrom stepped down to second the motion, VOTE: Selectman Hamel, aye, Chairman Norstrom, aye, Motion passes. License to be kept in the Selectmen's Office until Food Handler's License is issued and establishment is opened.

*Supt. Girouard's Report: See report dated: March 20, 1998*

*Town Administrator's Report:  
Action Items:*

1. Item 1 withdrawn/HTA-Contracts
2. The Board was presented copies of the draft Fy-99 proposed budget. Selectman Hamel requesting the Town Administrator get a fixed cost to taxpayers/residents re: over ride proposed by School Committee. Mr.Kreidler stated a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 30, 1998 re: the Fy-99 Budget.
3. The Board requested DEC Members Charles McKinney and Murray Clark be contacted re: their interest on still serving on the DEC. Their memberships to expire in May 98.
4. The Board took under advisement the Ayer Police Dept.'s request for a motorcycle funded under the community Policing Grant after meeting with the Chief and Lt. Denmark. Selectman Bresnahan was unavailable due to a previous commitment and the Board held back a decision until Selectman Bresnahan's concerns were addressed.
5. The Board reviewed with the Chief and Lt. Denmark a report re: unregistered/licensed dogs (10) and of dog bite to child from one/two of these dogs. The Chief advised the Board to the Lt. working with the Dog officer to be sure all documentation and proper authorities are involved to stay within the boundary of the law.

10:00p.m. Selectman Hamel moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Exemption #3, 2nd by Selectman Norstrom.

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