

Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 1995
2nd Floor Meeting Room
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, MA

7:30P.M. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Miller, Selectman Slarsky and Selectman Hamel.

The Minutes of June 19, 1995 were postponed until the next Selectmen's meeting.

The Weekly Warrant was examined and approved in the following amounts: P/R: \$73,500.81
Exp: \$244,942.38

TOWN CRIER:

Chairman Miller announced the following news worthy events to the viewing audience.

1. Robert Hubbard, Economic Development Director resigned his position in Ayer to return to Gardner, MA. Mr. Hubbard's resignation to be effective August 18th, 1995.
2. Chairman Miller extended a heartfelt thank you to the Ayer 4th of July Committee for another outstanding event.
3. Congratulations to Tim & Carol Higgins upon the birth of their daughter Hannah born on June 28, 1995 at 12:00 noon.
4. James Kreidler the new Town Administrator to begin work in Ayer on July 24, 1995.
5. Chairman Miller announced the pavement construction work schedule for the next few weeks and the evening paving schedule to begin next week in an effort to minimize traffic congestion along Main Street during the day.

Chairman Miller requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard.

The following people requested to speak:

1. William Oelfke, Chairman of the Advisory Board, re: a resignation and new appointments.
2. Grover Baker, re: Variance to the Towns Water & Sewer Regulations re: Littleton Road, Ayer, MA
3. Building Inspector, re: Building Inspections over and above his present work schedule
4. Selectman Slarsky re: Economic Developer, Conservation Land, Pleasant Street, and trash receptacle on Main St.

Chairman Miller called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Selectman Hamel moved to approve the Agenda as amended, 2nd by Selectmen Slarsky, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with William Oelfke, Chairman of the Ayer Advisory Board. Mr. Oelfke stated he was before the Board this evening due to the resignation of Linda Garant from the Ayer Advisory

Board Linda having served three (3) years on the Board two of which as Vice-Chairman. The Board moved to accept Ms. Garant's resignation with regrets. Selectmen Slarsky reflecting back over the past five years thanking Linda for her years of dedicated service. Selectman Hamel echoing same and thanked Ms. Garant again for her commitment to the Town. Mr. Oelfke at this time presented to the Board two names for consideration for appointment to the Advisory Board: Lauri Brennan of Littleton Road and Richard Goode of Groton Harvard Rd., Ayer, MA. Selectman Slarsky requested the Board take the appointments under advisement pending their review in September. Chairman Miller stated the Board in June held off on re-appointments of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions pending a review regarding the level of interest of the volunteers serving on these various town committees/Board/Commissions. The Board wished to revisit the FY-96 appointments in September. Mr. Oelfke stated it is very hard to recruit people to fill these positions and wished not to discourage the two people before the Board this evening. Selectman Hamel moved the Board appoint Ms. Brennan and Mr. Goode on a temporary basis until September 1995 when the review is completed by the Board, 2nd by Selectmen Slarsky, VOTE: unanimous so moved.

The Board met with Gabe Vellante, Town of Ayer Building Inspector, and Angus Bruce, developer of Bennetts Brook Subdivision, regarding additional inspection request by developer. Mr. Bruce opened the discussion by advising the Board to his situation which necessitated additional inspections by the Building Inspector. Mr. Bruce stated his development consist of prefabricated modular homes which once under construction go up rather quickly and of the need for pre and final inspections at the building site. Mr. Bruce stated he is willing to compensate the Building Inspector for the additional inspections over and above his regular work schedule. The Board requested Mr. Vellante, if agreeable to this additional work, put in writing an established policy for this additional work-modular homes only, along with charges proposed for this work. Mr. Vellante to present this material for the Selectmen's Meeting of August 15, 1995.

Selectman Slarsky requested to speak regarding Robert Hubbard. Selectman Slarsky stated Mr. Hubbard gave the Town a forty five (45) notice that he will be resigning his position in the Town as Economic Development Director to return to the City of Gardner as the Community Development Director. Chairman Miller called for a motion to accept Mr. Hubbard's resignation. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board accept the resignation of Robert Hubbard with regrets. Mr. Hubbard's last day of employment to be August 18, 1995. Motion seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous. The Board requested the replacement process begin immediately with a notice in the Beacon and Boston Globe. Selectmen Slarsky suggested in the interim-look at using a consultant firm.

Selectman Slarsky on another matter requested the Conservation Commission be contacted regarding a status report on the Long Pond conservation land/Lone Star. The Board requested the Commission report back on this matter.

Selectman Slarsky advised the Board to a Citizens Crime Watch being organized in the Pleasant Street neighborhood due to increased vandalism and problems. Selectman Slarsky stated the Police Dept. specifically Sgt. Denmark has been working closely with an interested group of citizens in that neighborhood regarding reporting suspicious activity. The Board commended the Police Dept. and Sgt. Denmark for this community spirit and involvement.

The Board reviewed the weekly correspondence and commented on a letter received from a Town of Littleton Babe Ruth League coach regarding a recent incident between the Littleton and Ayer teams. The letter elaborated on unprofessional and unsportsmen like conduct demonstrated by a Town of Ayer coach.

Selectman Hamel moved an apology be extended to Littleton from the Town by the Town of Ayer coach in writing along with a public apology. Selectman Slarsky seconded the motion for discussion and suggested a inquiry be made to the Ayer Park Dept. re: their looking into the situation and report back to the Board with their findings. Chairman Miller stated he would write a letter to the Ayer Park Dept. requesting they look into the matter and also to request that the Ayer Park Dept. attend the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the matter. Selectman Hamel withdrew her original motion to 2nd Selectman Slarsky's motion, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board requested the Building Commissioner be contacted re: ongoing problem with trash container in front of a downtown merchants establishment overflowing, and also regarding number of tables & chairs approved by the Board to be placed in front of the establishment.

The Board met with Town Counsel Robert Gardner, Angus Bruce and resident Grover Baker regarding requesting the Board of Selectmen grant a variance to the Water & Sewer Regulations requesting a sewer line be permitted for three Littleton Rd. residents to tie into one line (stub) on Littleton Rd. Mr. Baker presented the Board a letter requesting this variance to the Sewer Regulations which only permits one service per line. Mr. Bruce owner of the Bennetts Brook Development stated he had no problem with granting the hook up as long as the Town would indemnify him from costs associated with or incurred to his sewer line and trench. Mr. Bruce's main concern being liability. The Board requested Mr. Baker to submit a plan to the Town Engineer regarding the hook up request and also to submit documentation to Town Counsel regarding the indemnification. Selectman Slarsky requested if

there was hardship involved. Mr. Baker replied yes do to the state requiring anyone digging up the road to pay high costs associated with the repaving. Mr. Baker also stated two of the residents cannot tie into the Towns sewer lines separately due to the force main section of the systems location. Chairman Miller requested Mr. Baker get the proper plans to the Town's Engineer and also contact Town Counsel with the indemnification documents.

The Board met with the Police Chief Arthur Boisseau regarding the Chiefs FY-96 Contract. Selectman Slarsky complimented the Police Dept. for the cooperation extended to him negotiating with the Chief, Lieutenant, Superior Officers and Patrolmens Contracts.

Chief Boisseau submitted his Fy-96 contract to the Board for endorsement. The Board approved the Chiefs contract for Fy-96 for 4% plus a 4% parity increase to bring him into line with other surrounding town Police Chiefs. The Board thank Chief Boisseau for coming in this evening.

The Board met with Lt. Donald Haapakowski re: his Fy-96 through Fy-99 Contract. The Board approved Lt. Haapokoski's three (3) year contract as presented. The Board thanked Lt. Haapokoski for coming in.

The Board met with Sgt. Denmark regarding the Superior Officer's Fy-96 Contract wage opener. The Board approved a 4% increase to the contract as presented. The Board thanked Sgt. Denmark for coming in.

The Board met with the Patrolmen's Union Representatives Officer McSweeney and Officer Hardy. The Board approved a 4% increase to the Fy-96 Contract Wage re-opener as presented. The Board thanked the Police Department for the spirit of co-operation and for coming in this evening.

The Board was requested by the Unions present this evening to approve the Quinn Bill into the Police Dept. Union Contract if and when it should it become law.

Chairman Miller called for a motion to approve all of the above Fy-96 contracts as presented by the Ayer Police Department. Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the Police Dept. Fy-96 Contracts as presented this evening, 2nd by Selectman Slarsky, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with Paul Routhier of F&P Willows Trust regarding a increase of earth removal to his permit approved in May of 1995 from 40,000 cubic yards to 100,000 cubic yards a total increase of 60,000 cubic yards at his tire recycling operation at Willows Rd. in Ayer, MA. Chairman Miller read into the record the legal notice which ran in the Nashoba Publications for the weeks of June 28, 1995 and July 5, 1995. Chairman Miller requested if

there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the permit. No one stepped forward. Chairman Miller requested if there would be any changes to the hours of operation. Mr. Routhier stated everything would remain as originally approved with the exception of the 60,000 cubic yards additional removal. Chairman Miller called for a motion, Selectman Slarsky moved to approve the amendment of 60,000 cubic yards of earth to Mr. Routhier's original request, 2nd by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

SUPT. OUELLETTE'S REPORT: See report dated 7-11-95

1. The Board was advised to P.J. Albert starting re-pavement in Town on July 11, 1995. Groton St., Washington Ct./, to McDowell and Birch to Wright Rd., to Shaker Road.

2. Supt. Ouellette reiterated the Chairs opening remarks re: evening paving commencing on Main St. from 10:00p.m. to 6:00a.m.

3. The Board was updated on Park St. situation re: drainage problems and paving. Park St. time frame estimated at 2 or 3 weeks of work to completion.

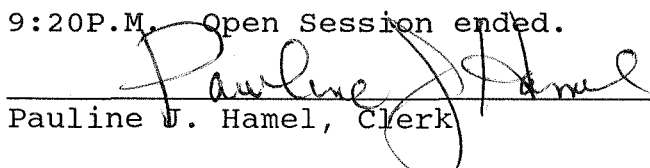
4. The ISTEA project to commence in approximately three weeks on 2A and of repair to two drainage structures: Bennetts Brook and Snake Hill Rd being approved by the State.

5. Supt. Ouellette requested the Board approve a Reserve Fund Request for the DPW in the amount of \$8,609.04 due him not budgeting for a 53 week payroll. The Board approved of this Transfer. Selectman Slarsky moved to approve the DPW Reserve Fund TRansfer in the amount of \$8,609.04, 2nd by Selectmen Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved a sewer tie-in for William Madigan. Selectman Hamel abstaining due to conflict of interest, Mr. Madigan being her brother in law, Selectman Slarsky moved a caveat being attached to the permit indemnifying the Town, not being responsible for the maintenance due to the permit being issued for a private road, 2nd by Chairman Miller Vote: Selectman Slarsky aye, Chairman Miller Aye. motion passed.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn to enter into executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23b, Exemption 2, 2nd by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:20P.M. Open Session ended.


Pauline J. Hamel, Clerk

Date: 