

Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 1994
2nd floor Meeting Room
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, MA.

7:30p.m. Open Session

The Board met with Selectman Jones and Selectman Hamel. Chairman Slarsky to be delayed due to earlier commitment.

The Minutes of April 9, 1994 were read and accepted.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved in the following amount: P/R: \$ 55,157.86

X \$ 867,853.19

Selectman Jones requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak. No one stepped forward.

Selectman Jones stated he had two items he wished to discuss with the Board, the fourth of July Celebration and the Moore Air Field.

Selectman Hamel moved to accept the Agenda for 4-20-94 with the above two items, seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Jones requested a moment of silence be conducted for Keith Kidder, Deputy Fire Chief of Shirley, Ma. who died over the past week-end. Selectman Jones stated Selectman Slarsky was at the wake this evening and would be rejoining the Board later in the evening.

Selectman Jones reported on the progress of the 4th of July Committee. Selectman Jones stated the 4th of July would be celebrated on Saturday, July 2nd, 1994, with a bigger and better celebration to include a parade, rides and entertainment. Selectman Jones stated the Committee is still taking applications for booths.

Selectman Jones stated the Moore Air Field Task Force has added another company to the five or six already interested in settling into the air field should it become Town owned. The Civil Air Patrol expressed their interest for a helicopter unit. Selectman Jones stated the biggest issue is convincing the FAA and Mass. Aeronautical Commission that Ayer residents would support an airfield here. Selectman Jones stated upcoming Public Hearings would be advertised alerting the residents to the time & dates.

The Board met with Vicki Paret, Mass. Small Cities Program Co-Ordinator regarding the contract award of the FY-93 Program to Communities Opportunities Group. Mr. Higgins advised the Board that he had reviewed the contract with earlier contracts and found the FY-93 contract to be exactly the same in form and

content as earlier contracts awarded to COG. Selectman Jones called for a motion to award the FY-93 Mass. Small Cities Contract, Selectman Hamel moved to award the FY-93 MSCP to Community Opportunities Group for the contract amount of \$-----.

The Board, after a review of the Town's successful past programs motioned to appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee to serve as a liaison between the community and the Town to evaluate program guidelines in rendering an opinion on appeals and in helping to promote the program.

The Board met with Donald Ouellette, Supt. of Public Works, regarding the DPW Ballot Questions for a Debt Exclusion for the Grove Pond Water Treatment and replacement and installation of all Town of Ayer Water Meters.

Supt. Ouellette conducted an overhead presentation regarding both warrant articles advising Town residents of the need to fund both of the debt exclusion articles.

The Board thanked Supt. Ouellette for a very informative overview of both articles.

8:10P.M. Chairman Slarsky entered the meeting.

The Board reviewed the 1994 Taxi License Renewals. Mr. Higgins advised the Board that only two (2) of the Town's eight (8) licensee's were completed. Mr. Higgins requested the Board approve 1994 Taxi License Renewals for Levon Gill and Robert Persley. All other's not approved until they are in full compliance.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: (See report dated 4-20-94)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The Board was advised to all Departments being advised to Annual Town Meeting date of June 13, 1994.

Mailings to Town residents being developed advising residents of new date. Dept. Heads to be notified to remit impact statements to be included in mailing.

2. The Board was advised to meeting being scheduled with Rob Hubbard and Selectmen on Thursday, May 5, 1994 at 7:00P.M. to meet with the Board of Health, Building Dept, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission re: Permit Streamlining.

3. The Board was advised to the new date for Nashoba Cable's Public Hearing Continuation re: Transfer of License being Monday, May 9, 1994 at 9:00p.m.

4. The Board moved to approve of the Guidance Department of the Ayer High School identifying students who may be interested in a Youth Conservation Corp. Program.

5. The Board was advised to the next Joint Board's Meeting being scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 1994 beginning at 7:00p.m..

6. The Board was advised to the Breakfast Forum scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 1994, at 8:00A.M., with the Fort Devens Reuse Planners.

7. The Board approved a six (6) month Earth Removal Permit for Sweeney Charitable Remainder Trust, Daniel Sweeney, Trustee for Bennetts Brook Sub-Division. The Board requested the original language and amount of earth removal be inserted on the permit.

8. The Board announced the receipt of a letter from Governor Weld's Secretary Marty Linsky who passed along the Governor's thanks for recommending the appointments of Charles McKinney and Charles Jones to serve on the Deven's Enterprise Commission. Chairman Slarsky stated a similar letter also was received thanking the Board for appointing James Hashem and Paul Routhier to the same commission.

9. The Board voted 2-1 to defeat a motion to authorize James Williams to a state funded temporary assistant director's position to the Fort Devens Reuse Office. Chairman Slarsky stated he took issue with paying Williams, stating Peter Folin, Williams predecessor served without remuneration. Chairman Slarsky stated payment would lead toward making this position more permanent in nature. Selectman Jones also stated his concern for putting Williams on the payroll for a specific report and training another person, stating this could be carried out by someone else at the Center. VOTE: Selectman Jones no, Chairman Slarsky no, Selectman Hamel Yes, Motion defeated.

Chairman Slarsky took this opportunity to address this meeting being the last Selectmen's Meeting for member Charles H. Jones. Chairman Slarsky expressed his pleasure with working with Selectmen Jones for the past six (6) years demonstrating 100% devotion to the Town, stating he will miss him. Chairman Slarsky presented Mr. Jones with a baseball signed by all Selectmen that have served with Mr. Jones as well as Town Counsel and Tim Higgins stating they were all members of the team. Selectman Hamel also presented Mr. Jones with his official name plate with a gavel affixed to it in appreciation for his service to the Town.

Selectman Jones thanked the Board and stated he enjoyed working on the Board and will miss it. Selectman Jones stated he was off the Board but will definitely be here and will remain active in Town.

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9:15P.M. Selectman Hamel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:15P.M. Selectmen's meeting adjourned.

Stephen M. Slarsky

Date: 5/24/94

Stephen M. Slarsky, Clerk
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN