

Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, August 31, 1993
2nd floor Meeting Room
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, Ma.

7:30P.M. Open Session

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

The Board examined and approved the weekly warrant in the following amounts: P/R: \$88,453.24
EXP: \$220,085.97

Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting by announcing the Board's purpose for the Meeting tonight being to conduct the Public Hearing re: the FY-93 Tax Classification.

Chairman Slarsky requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard by the Board. No one stepped forward.

Chairman Slarsky stated he had received correspondence earlier in the day from Pauline Conley re: the Jane Doe Walk for Women's Safety. Chairman Slarsky read into the record a letter dated 8/31/93 from Ms. Conley. (see attached) The Jane Doe Safety Fund is a special project of the Mass. Coalition for Battered Women, a statewide campaign working to break the devastating cycle of family violence through public education, media campaign and a working alliance with business, legal and medical communities.

Chairman Slarsky stated the Board endorsed Ms. Conley being the Town's representative for the walk for Sunday, October 17, 1993, beginning at 12:00p.m. at the Hatch Shell, Boston, Ma. Board members requested to be kept informed of the Town's participation.

Chairman Slarsky advised the public to the Board's change of meeting Nights from Tuesday evenings to Monday evenings beginning September 20, 1993. This change to accommodate conflicting schedules of the Board members.

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to accept the agenda. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the Agenda for 8-31-93 as written, 2nd by Selectman Jones.

On another matter the Board discussed the Land Bank/Re-Use Center re: the Re-Use of Fort Devens. The Board expressed their displeasure with the direction in which the Land Bank is presently operating. Chairman Slarsky elaborated on confusion re: role of the Joint Boards of Selectmen. Chairman Slarsky requested when a vote was called at these meeting that the vote be taken back to the individual board first and then reported on at the next Joint Boards of Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Hamel stated the meetings she has attended there was a lot of discussion but no voting. Discussion re: the Prison, GIS and current workshops.

On another matter Chairman Slarsky stated he had received an invitation from Col. Nuttall of Fort Devens re: local Town Governing bodies quarterly dinner at Fort Devens for 9/18/93. Chairman Slarsky requested Col. Nuttall be contacted re: his unavailability for this dinner and note that the dinner is being held on Rosh Hashonah and felt the date was very inappropriate.

The Board was advised of the Ambulance Situation remaining unchanged and that a formal resolution had not occurred from Col. Nuttall to date. Town Counsel had determined that the Town of Ayer was under no obligation to respond and that information had been forwarded to Col. Nuttall. Selectman Hamel stated she had heard the Town of Shirley had entered into a Ambulance Mutual Aid Contract with Fort Devens. Selectman Jones stated his concern with this information because Ayer and Shirley share a Mutual Aid Agreement which means now Ayer will have to respond to Shirley due to Shirley being on Fort Devens. The Board requested Mr. Higgins to set up a meeting with Shirley Selectmen re: this recent development to the Town's Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Shirley.

Chairman Slarsky requested the Hazels be contacted re: attending the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting re: their Littleton Road property in the Town of Ayer and complaints the Board has received from neighborhood re: condition of the grounds and building.

Chairman Slarsky requested the Asst. Building Inspector be requested to attend the Selectmen's Meetings and be prepared to report on status of Town problem areas and new projects in the Town.

Selectman Jones brought a Cable T.V. problem to the Board's attention re: a resident who had recently lost his wife and home in a fire in Ayer and of Cable Company harassing him for payment of two (2) cable boxes valued at \$250.00 a piece or \$500.00 which were destroyed in the fire. The Board requested Mr. Higgins contact the Cable Co. and relay the Board's dismay at this practice.

8:00P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: FY-93 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

The Board met with the Ayer Board of Assessors re: Setting the Town of Ayer Tax Rate for 1993. Present for the Hearing: Chairman Edward Cornellier, James Wood & Dennis Callahan. Mr. Cornellier addressed the Towns preliminary review of the Towns Revaluation program and proposed assessments for the Commercial and Industrial Classifications of real property and personal

property for Fiscal Year 93. The Board of Assessors is mandated to conduct Public Disclosure necessary to receive final certification for these property classes.

The Board of Assessors presented a classification sheet to the Board depicting 1-7 separate rates, percentage of value, levy limit by classification, rate established and the percentage of change from FY-92. The Assessors ran through each proposed rate using a home valued at \$100,000.00. The Industrial ratio was also addressed (CIP). (See attached FY-93 Tax Classifications)

8:14P.M. Selectman Jones moved to take the FY-93 Tax Classifications under advisement for one (1) week with a decision to be made at the next Selectmen's Meeting 9/7/93, Seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. VOTE: unanimous.

Selectman Hamel congratulated the Assessors on all the work put into this Hearing stating it was a tremendous amount of work.

Selectman Jones moved the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 23b, re: Building Dept., to adjourn and re-enter Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:15P.M. Executive Session.

1993
PROPERTY TAX
CLASSIFICATION HEARING

RESIDENTIAL	\$197,843,673
CIP	\$269,730,244
TOTAL FULL AND FAIR CASH VALUE	\$467,573,917

FY 1993 LEVY LIMIT	\$5,980,210
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SINGLE RATE

	% OF VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	42.2949%	\$2,529,323.84	\$12.78	65.60%
CIP	57.7051%	\$3,450,886.16	\$12.79	-7.36%

MULTIPLE RATE 1 (65 %)

	65% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	27.4917%	\$1,644,060.50	\$8.31	7.64%
CIP	72.5083%	\$4,336,149.50	\$16.08	16.41%

MULTIPLE RATE 2 (67 %)

	67% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	28.3376%	\$1,694,646.97	\$8.57	10.95%
CIP	71.6624%	\$4,285,563.03	\$15.89	15.05%

MULTIPLE RATE 3 (68 %)

	68% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	28.7605%	\$1,719,940.21	\$8.69	12.61%
CIP	71.2395%	\$4,260,269.79	\$15.79	14.37%

MULTIPLE RATE 4 (69%)

	69% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	29.1835%	\$1,745,233.45	\$8.82	14.27%
CIP	70.8165%	\$4,234,976.55	\$15.70	13.69%

MULTIPLE RATE 5 (70%)

	70% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	29.6064%	\$1,770,526.69	\$8.95	15.92%
CIP	70.3936%	\$4,209,683.31	\$15.61	13.01%

MULTIPLE RATE 6 (71%)

	71% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	30.0294%	\$1,795,819.93	\$9.08	17.58%
CIP	69.9706%	\$4,184,390.07	\$15.51	12.33%

MULTIPLE RATE 7 (75%)

	75% VALUE	LEVY BY CLASS	RATE	%CHANGE(FROM FY92)
RES	31.7212%	\$1,896,992.88	\$9.59	24.20%
CIP	68.2788%	\$4,083,217.12	\$15.14	9.62%

Board of Selectmen

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AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1993 2ND FLOOR MEETING HALL TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

Minutes of 8-10-93
Minutes of 8-31-93
Signing of the Weekly Warrant
One Day Beer & Wine License-Westford
Regency/Clambake-Shaker Hills Golf
Course T&CP National Championship
One Day Beer & Wine License-St. Mary's
Lawn Party-Shirley St., Ayer, Ma.

7:35P.M. Public Input

7:40P.M. Building Inspector
re: Littleton Rd. property status

7:50P.M. PUBLIC HEARING #2
Mass. Small Cities Grant Application
FY-93

8:00P.M. Class II License change of location
of business: Goldstar Auto from: 63
Fitchburg Rd. to 63 Park St., Ayer, Ma.

8:10P.M. Ayer Industrial Development Commission
(AIDC) re: Stony Brook Park Grant
Application

8:30P.M. Tax Classification Hearing-Continuation

8:45P.M. Town Administrator's Report

Adjourn

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