SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 1992

Particpants: Chairman Jones, Mr. Slarsky, Mr. McKinney Timothy Higgins (Executive Secretary)

Chairman Jones moved to enter into open session at approximately 8:00 a.m., motion seconded by Mr. Slarsky. Mr. Jones stated that the reason for this meeting was to conduct a final review of the warrant in preparation for Town Meeting.

The Board began by reviewing Article 5 of the Warrant. The Board noted that there were differences between the recommendation of the Advisory Board and the Selectmen's recommendations in the following areas:

Board of Assessors, Police Department, and Public Works.

The Board agreed that this would lead to a healthy discussion of the issues.

The Selectmen proceeded through the other articles on the warrant expressing concern only on the following Articles:

- 1. Articles 6,7,8, and 9 should be taken up before article 5.
- 2. The Eliades Petition The Board was under the assumption that the petition would be withdrawn. The Board restated their concern that any capacity in the water and sewer supply should be retained for Ayer residents.
- 3. Article 10 The Assessors should indefinitely postpone this article since there is no free cash to reduce taxes.
- 4. Article 25 Roadway Override would be contingent upon success of the recount.

The Board requested that a listing of all salaries be available to be distributed at Town Meeting. The Executive Secretary stated that he would speak with the Treasurer about this matter. He stated that if the information was not available for the first night of town meeting, he was certain it would be ready for the second night.

* The Board requested that all salaries be printed in the Town Report as standard operating procedure for all future reports.

Chairman Jones was presented a chronology of events leading up to Town Meeting which would be used as an introduction to the Omnibus Article.

The Board thanked the Executive Secretary for organizing the Town Meeting process and related information.

In other business Mr. Slarsky reported to the Board on the potential for establishing a loan program under which low-moderate

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income persons could purchase homes in Ayer under a low interest loan. The program would be structured to utilize the Concord Coop Bank, EOCD, and the Commonwealth's Home Ownership Program (HOP). Mr. Slarsky stated that a meeting has been organized for May 21st at the Town Hall, 4:00 p.m., to flush out the details. Mr. Slarsky requested that the meeting be posted.

Mr. Slarsky motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, all in favor, unanimous vote topadjourn.

Charles D. McKinney, Clerk

Date Approved: 5-19-97