

AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 1991
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. The Board met with Chairman McKinney, Selectman Slarsky and Selectman Jones.

The minutes of 9/9/91, 9/13/91, 9/21/91 & 9/23/91 were read and approved.

The weekly warrant was examined and approved in the following amounts: P/R: \$35,662.43
Bills: \$234,772.95

Chairman McKinney opened the meeting by addressing a letter the Board received concerning the location of a second major airport in the Ayer/Fort Devens area. Chairman McKinney stated the Board has addressed this issue by assigning a designee to the Board to sit in and monitor the MAC Meetings/Forums. The Town's representative is Frank Maxant. Mr. Maxant has attended all the meetings and has reported back to the Selectmen re: updates. The Chairman stated the Board does not have enough information to make a statement for or against the siting.

On another matter Selectman Slarsky advised the Board that Congressman Chester Atkins was in Ayer on Friday, October 4, 1991, a rally was held in the Depot Square Area for the Congressman. The Congressman did not speak on the Airport or make a statement but when Selectman Slarsky addressed the West Main Street Bridge repair the Congressman stated that the Town did not do what the Town had to do to bring the repair of the bridge to fruition. When questioned where and what the Town had not submitted, the Congressman had no specifics and stated he would get back to Steve with this information later in the week.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board was advised of the October Meeting schedule.

October 4, 1991	- Advisory Board meeting - 7:30p.m.
October 15, 1991	- Fort Dev. Re-dev. Board- 7:00p.m.
October 21, 1991	- Special Town Meeting-Town Hall
October 22, 1991	- Joint Boards-Ayer Hosts- 7:00p.m.
October 28, 1991	- Selectmen's Meeting
October 29, 1991	- Joint Boards-Harvard Hosts
October 30, 1991	- Meeting w/ Gov. Weld-State House
2. The Board was advised of the legals being prepared and submitted to the following newspapers, periodicals and

associations: Boston Globe- run October 6, 1991
Lowell Sun - run October 6, 1991
M.M.A. - run November issue newsletter
Mass. Chief's- run October issue
International Assoc. of Police Chiefs-Nov. run

3. The Board was advised of the Joint Boards meeting on the 29th in Harvard for preparation of meeting with the Governor on the 30th.

4. The Board was advised of the Joint Boards Administrators meeting for filing application to the Office of Economic Adjustment for the grant funding and finding out that the Land Bank is also filing on behalf of the Four (4) communities for the same resources.

5. The Board was presented the Mission Statement signed of by three (3) of the Joint Boards for signatures. The Board requested to set back this item until the whole Board has had a chance to review the statement.

6. The Board was advised of letter from Louise Rogers requesting the following people be appointed to the Ayer Arts Council: Catherine Kidder, Ann Doe, Jacqueline Gardner and Silvia Callahan.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board appointment the above named individuals to the Arts Council per the recommendation of Chairman Louise Rogers, Seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

7. The Board was advised of a letter of commendation on behalf of William Halligan, Building Commissioner coming in from Ayer Moving & Storage thanking him for all of his assistance with the companies new addition. Chairman McKinney expressed his appreciation for letters such as this thanking local officials for their responsibilities.

The Board met with Don Leistikow, Chairman of the Recycling Committee re: the hiring of a second part-time recycling staff person, this person would report to the recycling co-ordinator. The hiring of this person would allow for total coverage of the hours of operation at the Transfer Station. This position would also free up the co-ordinator to attend to important administrative responsibilities such as tracking weigh scales, contacting vendors, coordinating pick up of trailers, etc. Supt. Redfield supports this request and also stated the budget can absorb the additional part-time person.

Mr. Leistikow gave a brief overview of the operation. Prior to recycling (FY-90) 2500 tons went to the incinerator. During recycling (12 mo) 2400 tons were collected and 251 of those tons were recycled. Part time presence of the recycling co-ordinator deterred ineligible dumpers as well as brought quality control to

recycling separation. Mr. Leistikow gave a quick examination of the salary for a nine month period depicting a net savings of \$14,300 against a salary of \$3,800.00. Mr. Leistikow stated with these extra savings an investment of 2 rollofs were bought as well.

Mr. Leistikow requested the Boards support regarding the following:

1. Direct & approve the new position.
2. Direct the appropriate consultation of questions remaining in the job description
3. Endorse the \$7.50/hr. salary & part-time benefits
4. Adjust Town revenues to direct recycling receipts go to the General Fund.

The Board set back the discussion re: salary requesting the Committee, Supt. Redfield and Tim meet to negotiate salary range. Supt. Redfield to advertise the position.

8:00p.m. PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BY-LAWS

Chairman McKinney opened the Hearing by reading the notice which appeared in the Nashoba Publications the weeks of September 25, 1991 and October 2, 1991. Chairman McKinney remarked that only seven people were present for the Hearing. Chairman McKinney stated as a jester of good faith the Board published the By-laws for the benefit of the community but the Board is not obligated to publish the bylaws until after the Bylaws are approved by the Atty. General. Chairman McKinney stated of the seven people present three (3) were Town Officials leaving only four (4) residents present. Chairman McKinney reviewed the procedures relevant to adopting a new By-law with Town Clerk Beatrice Briggs. Mrs. Briggs stated the steps involved are:

1. Public Hearings conducted.
2. Selectmen vote to place By-laws on Warrant.
3. Special Town Meeting Warrant is prepared, signed and posted.
4. Meeting is announced in papers
5. Meeting is held
6. Approved Bylaws are submitted to Atty. General for approval.
7. Once Atty. General's office approves the By-law is published.

Chairman McKinney called the first Article: HACKNEY CARRIAGE

Executive Secretary, Timothy Higgins briefed the Board to the purpose and explained the contents of the article for the Board. Mr. Higgins explained the Selectmen's Office has had problems in the past with a few of the licensees. The present By-law is open to interpretation and difficult to enforce. This new By-law would give the Board more control over the issuing and revocation of taxi licenses. The Board reviewed the entire By-law contents and after review and discussion moved the article be amended in

Article 1.8 - correct to state 1:02 to 1:07 and to delete Fee of \$20.00 to a fee to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.
Article 2.1 and page 4 1.10.. Motion moved by Selectman Slarsky to place this amended article Hackney Taxi on the 10/21/91 Special Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman McKinney called Article 2 -Automatic Fire Alarm Systems
Article 3 -Amend Article XXX accepting
Chapter 148 Sections 26G, 26H & 26I.

Fire Chief, Wellman Parker gave a brief overview of Article 2 & Article 3.

Chief Parker stated that the Town of Ayer Fire Dept. has approximately 90 Fire Alarm Systems and 28 master box which send signals directly into the station. The purpose of Article 3 would be to assess a fee for maintenance. This fee would pay for circuitry & wiring and assess fees to offset call volunteers & utilities for companies with faulty alarms, which when an alarm comes into the station vehicles and men are dispatched. Selectman Slarsky stated he appreciated the problem with false alarms and felt it was the responsibility of the companies to pay for service and faulty systems. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board place Article 2, Automatic Fire Alarm Systems on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, Selectman Jones Seconded this motion, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chief Parker elaborated on Article 2, accepting Chapters 26G, 26H & 26I Automatic Sprinkler Systems. Chief Parker stated 26G dealt with Non-Residential Buildings or Additions, this article was a local option for the Town to enforce requiring new buildings or additions over 7,500 sq. ft. in floor area shall be protected with automatic sprinklers in accordance with the provisions of the State Building Code. 26H dealt with Lodging or Boarding Houses-Boarding house defined as where lodgings are let to six or more people, but not including group residences licensed or regulated by the State. 26I dealt with new Multiple dwelling units, units containing not less than four dwelling units shall be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers. Sections 26G, 26H and 26I shall take effect January 1, 1992.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board place this article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, Seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with Acting Chief Arthur Boisseau regarding the Skate Board By-law.

Acting Chief Boisseau stated this article came about due to numerous complaints the Police Department has received about town youths skateboarding along Main St. and heavy trafficated streets throughout the Town. Acting Chief Boisseau stated the By-law was initiated for safety reasons. Safety of people walking along

Treasurer meet with the Town Accountant and Mr. Higgins to develop new strategy for dealing with the deficit carried over in Fy-91.

Chairman McKinney read Article 9- BY PETITION- Requesting the Town require the Selectmen, School Dept., Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and other Town Officials to state at this Special Town Meeting the wages and other compensation of each of the Town's full-time, salaries, non-union employees budgeted for Fy-92, and the percent change. Mr, McKinney stated all of this information is readily available and assessable in the Treasurer's office and this article was unnecessary but it came in by petition and would appear on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectman Slarsky moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

9:25P.M. meeting adjourned

DATE: _____

STEPHEN M. SLARSKY, CLERK