

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1991  
SECOND FLOOR MEETING HALL  
MAIN ST., AYER, MA. 01432

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

THE BOARD MET WITH CHAIRMAN MCKINNEY, SELECTMAN SLARSKY AND SELECTMAN JONES.

THE WEEKLY WARRANT WAS EXAMINED AND SIGNED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:    PAYROLL:       \$ 36,536.83  
                      BILLS:        \$169,000.00

THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 1991 WERE UNAVAILABLE.

7:45P.M. SELECTMAN JONES MOVED THE BOARD ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23B RE: DISCIPLINARY MATTER, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN SLARSKY.

9:00P.M.        SELECTMAN SLARSKY MOVED THE BOARD ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

9:06P.M. OPEN SESSION RESUMED.

THE BOARD MET WITH SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM REDFIELD REGARDING THE FY-92 WATER & SEWER RATES.

SUPT. REDFIELD RECOMMENDED THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RATES:

RESIDENTIAL:        KEEP AT SAME FY-91 RATE  
                      WATER:    \$.70        SEWER:    \$2.00

RECOMMENDED INCREASES:

OUT OF TOWN:       SEWER:    \$1.20    INCREASE OF \$0.20

RESIDENTS NO METERS:    \$30.00 INCREASE OF \$8.00

SUPT. REDFIELD STATED HE AGREED WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION THAT THEY ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE AND PROPOSED NO INCREASES IN THE HIGH USERS WATER & SEWER RATES.

SELECTMAN JONES MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE SUPT. REDFIELD'S PROPOSED FY-92 RECOMMENDATIONS, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN SLARSKY, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

CHAIRMAN MCKINNEY REVIEWED WITH THE BOARD THE UPCOMING 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN MOBILE, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 15-17, 1991. CHAIRMAN MCKINNEY STATED THAT SELECTMAN STEPHEN SLARSKY WAS APPOINTED AS THE AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE AND WOULD BE ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF AYER. THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE WOULD BE TO ASSIST IMPACTED CITIES AND TOWN'S FACED WITH BASE CLOSURES AND TRANSITIONS TOWARDS REDEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP, BASE CLOSURE ISSUES, INDUSTRIAL AND LOGISTICS FACED BY IMPACTED CITIES AND TOWNS..

CHAIRMAN MCKINNEY STATED AS ALTERNATE, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE WITH MR. SLARSKY DUE TO OTHER PRESSING COMMITMENTS, CHAIRMAN MCKINNEY MOTIONED FOR MR. HIGGINS TO ATTEND IN HIS ABSENCE. SELECTMAN SLARSKY MOVED THE BOARD TAKE FROM UDAG FUNDS THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 TO PLACE IN ESCROW FOR DISBURSEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT BOARD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

MR. HIGGINS REMINDED THE BOARD TO THE REDEVELOPMENT BOARD'S NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING BEING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1991 AT 7:30P.M. AT THE AYER TOWN HALL. THE BOARD TO TOUR FORT DEVENS 9/11 AT 3:00P.M., DINNER AT THE BULL RUN IN SHIRLEY AND THEN MEET AT THE AYER TOWN HALL AT 7:30P.M.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE SUBMITTAL TO THE MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR \$10,081.31 FOR THE TOWN'S COST IT INCURRED RESPONDING TO HURRICANE BOB. BILLS RE: TREE REMOVAL, PAYROLL INCURRED TO STAFF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FROM THE DPW, POLICE, AND FIRE DEPT.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PROPOSED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES TO INCLUDE BY-LAWS TO APPEAR ON THE OCTOBER 21, 1991 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE UDAG (URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT) UPDATE PREPARED BY MR. HIGGINS. THE BOARD WERE ADVISED OF FIVE (5) CURRENT COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE TOWN'S UDAG PROGRAM:

NEW ENGLAND MILLING - \$1,000,000  
NEW ENGLAND SHRIMP - \$2,533,750  
HYBRICON- \$824,799  
MERRIMACK WAREHOUSE - \$181,000  
ADVANCED VACUUM SYSTEMS - \$130,192

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF THE CURRENT BALANCE IN THE UDAG ACCOUNT BEING: \$1,801,391.29. THE TOWN RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY \$26,000 PER MONTH FROM FOUR OF THE TOWNS REMAINING ACTIVE ACCOUNTS.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF MASS. AERONAUTICS COMMISSIONS (MAC) ANNOUNCEMENT COMBINING BOTH FORT DEVENS SITES A & B INTO ONE SITE. MASS. AERONAUTICS TO BEGIN INITIATING INVESTIGATIONS OF PRIMARY SITES.

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF STEVE GERVIAS OF GERVIAS FORD PRESENTING

A 1982 FORD ESCORT WAGON TO THE DARE PROGRAM. JOHN DRISTILARIS THE DARE OFFICER WILL BE ABLE TO USE THIS VEHICLE DURING THE DAY FREEING UP A CRUISER. THE BOARD REQUESTED A LETTER OF APPRECIATION BE SENT TO STEVE GERVAIS THANKING HIM FOR THIS GENEROUS DONATION TO THE TOWN. GERVAIS FORD TO PAINT DARE LOGO ON VEHICLE.

THE BOARD REQUESTED FROM CHIEF CONNORS HIS RECOMMENDATION OF A KEEP RIGHT SIGN TO BE INSTALLED AT THE ISLAND ON EAST MAIN ST. THE BOARD STATED THEY HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM THE CONDO OWNERS REGARDING DANGEROUS SITUATION EXISTS. THE CHIEF CONCURRED OF THE NEED FOR SUCH SIGNAGE AT THAT AREA REMARKING ON A RECENT ACCIDENT AT THAT SAME SITE. SELECTMAN SLARKSY MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE A KEEP RIGHT SIGN BE ERECTED AT THE ROTARY ALERTING MOTORISTS OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC. SELECTMAN JONES SECOND MOTION, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

#### SUPT. REDFIELD'S REPORT:

1. THE BOARD REVIEWED SUPT. REDFIELD'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE INDUSTRIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT WATER & SEWER SURVEY PREPARED BY COLER & COLANTONIO WHICH WAS PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 5, 1991 FY-92 WATER & SEWER RATE HEARING.

2. SUPT. REDFIELD RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TO INVITE CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE INC. TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TOWN THE CONTRACT TO SUPPLY ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY AND REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROVE POND WATER SUPPLY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES. SUPT. REDFIELD RECOMMENDED THAT MR. HIGGINS, HIMSELF AND TOWN COUNSEL ROBERT GARDNER TO BE ON THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. SUPT. REDFIELD ALSO SUGGESTED THE COMMITTEE ALSO BE ALLOWED FREE ACCESS TO TOWN COUNSEL EXPERTISE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SUPT. REDFIELD ADVISED THE BOARD THAT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1991, THAT THE DPW COMPLETED ROADWAY MARKINGS TO WEST MAIN STREET AND MAIN STREET. THE BOARD COMPLIMENTED SUPT. REDFIELD ON THE JOB.

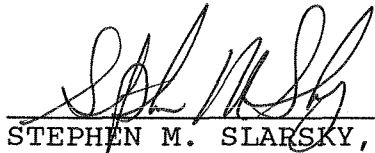
THE BOARD MET WITH ALAN DAVIS OF NASHOBA CABLE CONCERNING COMPLAINTS THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED IN RECENT WEEKS RE: CABLE OUTAGES AND SERVICE CALLS GOING UNANSWERED. MR. DAVIS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THE NEW PROCEDURES NASHOBA HAS TAKEN TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO SUBSCRIBERS. THE NEW PROCEDURE MR. DAVIS STATED BEGINS WITH A DISPATCHER WHO RECORDS ALL INCOMING CALLS TO THE COMPUTER. THE DISPATCHER CALLS THE HOMEOWNER IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WHICH ENTAILS A DELAY. SERVICE CALLS ARE DISTRIBUTED AND RECORDED WHEN CALLED IN AND WHEN DISPATCHED. MR. DAVIS STATED THAT OCCASIONALLY SOMETHING SLIPS THROUGH THE CRACK. IN THE PAST NASHOBA HAS HAD PROBLEMS REGARDING SERVICE CALLS, THAT SITUATION HAS NOW BEEN CORRECTED WITH BETTER IN HOUSE PERSONNEL.

MONTHLY REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY LISTING COMPLAINTS, AND MONITORING WHEN THEY CAME IN AND WHEN THEY WERE RECTIFIED. MR. DAVIS STATED NASHOBA CABLE'S POLICY RE: CREDITS TO SUBSCRIBERS BEING GIVEN ONLY AFTER TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF NON-SERVICE. DEDUCTIONS/CREDITS SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM BILLING BY SUBSCRIBERS UNTIL CLEARED BY CABLE OFFICE. MR. DAVIS STATED A NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS DELINEATING PROCEDURES AND CREDITS AND EXPLAINING WHY AND HOW OUTAGES OCCUR. SELECTMAN SLARSKY STATED HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AND DIS-SATISFACTION WITH EMPLOYEE AT CABLE OFFICE WHO ANSWERS PHONE TO LISTEN TO CALLER AND HAVE COURTESY TO LISTEN TO THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT. MR. DAVIS AGAIN STATED NASHOBA'S NEW POLICY AND PROCEDURES SHOULD RECTIFY THAT SORT OF MISCOMMUNICATION.

10:10P.M. SELECTMAN JONES MOVED THE BOARD ADJOURN FROM OPEN SESSION AND RE-ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23B RE: NEW ENGLAND SHRIMP CO., SELECTMAN SLARSKY SECONDED THE MOTION, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

10:50P.M. SELECTMAN SLARSKY MOVED THE BOARD ADJOURN FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ADJOURNING THE MEETING, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

10:50P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED.



STEPHEN M. SLARSKY, CLERK

DATE: 7 Oct 91