

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1991  
SECOND FLOOR TOWN HALL  
MAIN STREET, AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

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

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 1991 WERE READ AND ACCEPTED.

THE WEEKLY WARRANT WAS EXAMINED AND SIGNED IN THE FOLLOWING  
AMOUNTS: PAYROLL: \$334,671.08  
BILLS: \$ 68,492.14

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY OPENED THE MEETING BY UPDATING THE TOWN ON THE RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TAKEN BY SELECTMAN MCKINNEY, CHAIRMAN SLARSKY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TIMOTHY HIGGINS, ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN CHARLES MILLER AND TOWN COUNSEL, ROBERT GARDNER.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES AND ACTIVELY SEEK THEIR SUPPORT TO KEEP FORT DEVENS OPEN. THE CHAIRMAN STATED HE FELT THE TRIP WAS VERY REWARDING AND BENEFICIAL TO THE TOWN. THE AYER GROUP MET WITH SENATORS: KENNEDY, KERRY, MOAKLEY, MAVROULAS, NEAL, CONGRESSMAN ATKINS, PAUL JOHNSON AND PAT LARKIN. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT DURING THE TIME IN WASHINGTON THE GROUP WAS NEVER MADE AWARE THAT DEVENS WAS ON THE BASE CLOSURE LIST. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THE BOARD WAS MADE AWARE OF THE BASE CLOSURE ON APRIL 12, 1991 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30A.M. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT THE 1988 BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION THAT DIRECTED THE RELOCATION OF HQ, INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMAND (ISC), AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS TO FORT DEVENS FROM FORTS HUACHUCA, AZ. WOULD BE A COST EFFECTIVE MOVE, THIS WAS THE BOARDS CENTRAL ISSUE. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT DIG -76 (DEVENS IMPACT GROUP) WOULD BE REACTIVATED AS DIG-91 COMPRISING OF AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES, RETIREES, THE TEACHERS UNION, CIVILIANS WORKING ON FORT DEVENS, AS WELL AS ANYONE WISHING TO HELP. THE NEXT DIG MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1991 AT 10:00A.M. AT THE AYER TOWN HALL. THE SELECTMEN REQUESTED LETTERS BE WRITTEN AND SENT TO LOCAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS THE DEPT. OF THE ARMY. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TIM HIGGINS URGED TOWN CITIZENS AND BUSINESS TO MONITOR AND SUPPORT/PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORT TO SAVE FORT DEVENS. SELECTMAN JONES STATING THE TIME FRAME IS VERY SHORT AND ACTION MUST BE TAKEN ACCURATELY AND QUICKLY URGING THE AREAS 92,000 RETIREES TO JOIN IN. SELECTMAN MCKINNEY STATED BY THE PRESS GATHERING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1991 EXEMPLIFIED THE TOWNS DESIRE TO SAVE FORT DEVENS, THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP.

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY REQUESTED RETIRED COLONEL ROBERT LEWIS WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO PLEASE COME FORWARD. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY PRESENTED MR. LEWIS WITH A PLAQUE AND LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF AYER. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT MR. LEWIS HAD BEEN HONORED ON FRIDAY APRIL 5, 1991 BY THE AYER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THAT SAME REASON AND UNFORTUNATELY THE BOARD DID NOT RECEIVE THE PLAQUE UNTIL EARLY THE NEXT WEEK. MR. LEWIS THANKED THE BOARD AND TRUE TO HIS NATURE APOLOGIZED TO THE BOARD FOR HIS QUICK DEPARTURE FOR ANOTHER COMMUNITY MEETING.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed and endorsed letters of appreciation to be sent to Congressman Atkins, Senators: Kennedy, Kerry, Mavroulas, Moakly, Neal. Representatives: Durand, Hall, Hornblower. for their efforts and support of Fort Devens.
2. The Board was advised that the Town Reports were in and would be distributed at the Annual Election scheduled for 4/22/91. A special thank you went to Charles Gordon for taking the cover pictures, insert pictures and back cover pictures for this years report.
3. The Board was advised of Hybricon's UDAG repayment terms being reviewed and approved by Town Counsel. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the terms and conditions per Town Counsel's approval, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
4. The Board was advised of Special Articles being prepared for the Annual Town meeting Warrant. The Board was advised of By-law including the Fire Alarm Specs, Taxi Policy and Police skateboard by-law not being included on the warrant due to timeframe for Public Hearings not being met. The Board to convene a Special Town Meeting in September to take up these by-laws.
5. The Board was advised of the Historical Commission's request for UDAG funds for use of the Pleasant Street School, the Board took this request under advisement.

PUBLIC HEARING: EAST MAIN STREET-COMMUNITY SERVICE CABINET

The Board met with Beth Smith from New England Telephone Co. regarding a petition for the installation of a community cabinet to be installed on East Main St. Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting by reading the legal notice which appeared in the Nashoba Publications newspaper. Ms. Smith presented a layout of the proposed site and explained the reasoning behind the request. Ms. Smith stated that the cabinet was 6' x 7' and 5' high and that the Town was the land owner all work to be performed would be done on the grassy area no street opening. Supt. Redfield stated that he had no objections to this petition. Chairman

Slarsky requested if there was anyone present for or against the petition, no one came forward. Hearing none Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the petition as presented, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**PUBLIC HEARING: WRIGHT ROAD, AYER MA.**

The Board met again with Beth Smith, Representative of New England Telephone regarding a joint petition for the placement of one new pole on the northerly side of Wright Rd. approximately 199 feet west of Wright Rd. and one J.O. pole to be removed on the southerly side of Wright Rd. Chairman Slarsky requested if all abutters had been notified of the Public Hearing, Ms. Smith presented letters to the Board. Chairman Slarsky requested a site walk be conducted of the site on Saturday to be sure the abutters were aware of this new pole and also to assure that the pole would not be placed on private property. A site walk to be scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 1990 at 9:00a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING: COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSE-ROUX'S DELI**

The Board met with Ezzat Abdel-Rehim present leasee of Roux's Deli regarding his request for a Common Victualler's License for West Street, Ayer, Ma. The Board reviewed with Mr. Rehim past health & safety violations at his establishment and also noted him operating a business without proper license/permits. The Chairman requested if the Building Commissioner was satisfied regarding safety issues being met. Mr. Halligan stated he was satisfied that Mr. Rehim did meet the building code. Mr. Rehim provided the Board with copies of his Food Handlers License and recent inspection sheet conducted by Nashoba Assoc. Boards of Health dated 4/16/91. Mr. Rehim had met all of his obligations. Selectman Jones after careful review of all documents presented moved to approve the Common Victualler's License for Roux's Deli, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**SUPT. REDFIELD'S REPORT:**

1. The Board based upon the recommendation of Hoyle Tanner & Assoc., inc. and Supt. Redfield the Board awarded the contract to Certified Engineering and Testing Co. for the Industrial Pretreatment Program sampling and testing services on the basis of having submitted the lowest qualified bid in conformance with all the requirements of the Request for bid proposals for the bid price of \$89,805.00 moved by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

2. The Board moved to accept the Annual utilization Report on the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility transferred from Ft. Devens to the town in 1978, the Board of Selectmen for the past thirty (30) years must sign this report in order to retain the property and approved the Chairman's signature on the documents. Moved by Selectman Jones, Seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: