

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1991  
2ND FLOOR TOWN HALL  
MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

6:15P.M. BOSTON POST CANE PRESENTATION-20 WRIGHT RD., AYER, MA.

The Board met with Chairman Slarsky and Selectman Charles McKinney.

Chairman Slarsky presented Raymond H. "Mac" Maguire the Boston Post Cane at a family reception hosted by Mr. Maguire's children. Mr. Maguire is 97 years old and resides with his wife, Eleanor, their son Raymond, his family, at 20 Wright Rd., Ayer, Ma. Present for the festivities were many friends, family, town officials, local media coverage as well as Cable T.V.

The Board of Selectmen presented Mr. Maguire a cane decorated in traditional "Irish" ambience as well as two books inscribed with the days festivities. Mrs. Maguire was presented a corsage reflecting the "Irish" theme. Chairman Slarsky stipulated upon presenting the cane to Mr. Maguire that "he must hold the cane a long, long, long time".

7:15p.m. Selectman McKinney moved the Board adjourn from the presentation and return to the Town Hall to re-enter Open Session. Seconded by Chairman Slarsky, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

7:20p.m. The Board met with Chairman Slarsky, Selectman Jones and Selectman McKinney.

The minutes of March 4, 1991 were read and accepted.

The minutes of March 9, 1991 were read and amended to reflect page 1, paragraph 6 insert Selectman Jones was concerned the Board not violate the moratorium.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved in the following amounts:

payroll:	\$331,741.36
bills:	\$290,087.04

7:30p.m. PUBLIC HEARING- FY-91 TAX CLASSIFICATION

Chairman Slarsky opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice advertised in the Nashoba Publications newspaper the weeks of 2/27/91 and 3/6/91.

Chairman Slarsky requested the Board of Assessors to provide information and data relevant to making a decision on allocating

the tax burden including the fiscal effect on the available alternatives.

Present for this discussion were Chairman of the Assessors C. Edward Cornellier and member, James Callahan.

Mr. Cornellier provided a outline of property tax classification process, (see attached).

The following classification rates were presented:

SINGLE RATE:

Residential (R):	\$9.85
Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP):	\$9.85

MULTIPLE RATE 1:

Residential (R):	\$6.40
Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP):	\$12.91

MULTIPLE RATE 2:

Residential (R)	\$6.90
Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP):	\$12.47

MULTIPLE RATE 3:

Residential (R):	\$6.99
Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP):	\$12.38

MULTIPLE RATE 4:

Residential (R):	\$7.39
Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP):	\$12.04

Murray Clark, Chairman of the Ayer Industrial Association requested to read a statement from the Association, dated 3/15/91. The Association requested the Board take into consideration the growth that has taken place, stating the valuation has increased \$94,461,783.00 and 96% of the increase came from Commercial/Industrial Property (CIP).

The Board of Selectmen requested to take this matter under advisement to review the documentation. Selectman Jones moved to take this matter under advisement until the next Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Selectmen McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

SUPT. REDFIELD'S REPORT:

1. Supt. Redfield reviewed with the Board his letter dated March 12, 1991 explaining to the Selectmen why he felt the two (2)

water and sewer connections applications were technically complete prior to DEP's Declaration of Water Emergency for the Town of Ayer. The Board requested to postpone this discussion until Saturday, March 23, 1991.

2. The Board moved and seconded to award the bid for the repairs to the John Deere 755 Crawler Loader to Schmidt Equipment, Inc. of North Oxford, Ma. for the bid award of not to exceed \$6,790.00--any additional expenses to come out of the DPW budget. Motion moved by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectmen McKinney.

3. Supt. Redfield advised the Board that the legal notice regarding the Town's standpipe draining, cleaning and inspection was published in the Nashoba Publications the weeks of March 12th and March 19th, 1991, and of TV cable announcement beginning the week of March 12 through April 12, 1991.

Work to begin March 18, 1991 on the first tank, April 1, 1991 on the second tank-- expected completion of work on both tanks to be on or about April 12, 1991. The Board was advised that during this period the DPW will increase the pumping rate of the two Spectacle Pond Wells in order to keep the Standpipes as full as possible to insure that there is sufficient water for fire fighting purposes, during this critical time the DPW requested that Town residents adopt and adhere to water conservation measures, which will be made available to residents at the DPW Monday through Friday 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.

4. Supt. Redfield presented to the Board the top candidate for the Mechanics position for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Howard Bilheimer from Ashburnham, Ma. Supt. Redfield stated that during the past snow removal season the DPW has hired Howard to repair equipment damaged during this period. The Board conducted a background interview as well as requesting from Mr. Bilheimer a preventative maintenance program recommendation.

Chairman Slarsky requested the Board accept Supt. Redfield's recommendation to appoint Howard Bilheimer to the mechanics positions in principal, Mr. Higgins to draft language of appointment with insertion of contingency clause effective March 18, 1991. Selectman Jones moved the Board accept Supt. Redfield's recommendation in principal to appoint Howard Bilheimer to the mechanics position pending language to be developed by Mr. Higgins to include a contingency clause effective March 18, 1991.

Seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Slarsky requested Mr. Bilheimer draw up a list of equipment to be repaired/replaced-problem with particular piece and a preventative maintenance manual.

CHIEF CONNORS: RESERVE OFFICER VACANCY

The Board met with Chief Connors regarding a Reserve Officer vacancy. Chief Connors presented to the Board a eligibility list regarding possible candidates and their placement on this list determined by background, experience, etc.

Chief Connors recommended the appointment of Robert Taylor. Chief Connors introduced Mr. Taylor to the Board. Mr. Taylor is a resident of Ayer, residing on East Main St., Ayer, Ma. The Board based upon the recommendation of chief Connors moved to appoint Mr. Robert Taylor to the Reserve Officers position. Selectman Jones moved to appoint Mr. Taylor to this position pending his successful completion of a physical examination and psychological screening, required to complete a one (1) year probationary period, successfully complete the Reserve Police Academy and his employment to begin at a time agreed upon by Chief Connors. Seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed and approved the budget review hearings scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 1991.

2. The Board was updated on the Airport Siting Study, the Board was advised that the selection of a short list of sites has been postponed.

3. Chairman Slarsky endorsed the 1991 civil service report to be filed with the Personnel Administration, the Town only has one (1) employee presently employed under Civil Service, Arthur Boisseau, Lt., Ayer Police Dept.

4. The Board was advised to an additional protection clause for the Town being offered to Public Safety Officers injured on duty. This service will be free of charge for MIIA members.

5. The Board reviewed the resolution presented by the American Legion proposing a resolution petitioning the Congress to propose an amendment of the Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag. The Board entered a short discussion regarding this. Selectman Slarsky moved to endorse this amendment, Selectman Jones moved to support this endorsement, Selectman McKinney moving not to support this amendment based upon his belief that the Constitution need not be amended.

6. The Board moved and seconded to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer for the implementation of 911 in the Town of Ayer, for the AMOUNT OF \$7,087.00, The Advisory Board approved this transfer with the exception of the cell phone. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve this transfer, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

7. The Board was advised of the Special Articles being prepared for inclusion on the Town Meeting warrant to include, the aquifer

protection by-law, E-911, Downtown business District and the Home rule Petition re: Elected Officials/Appointed positions.

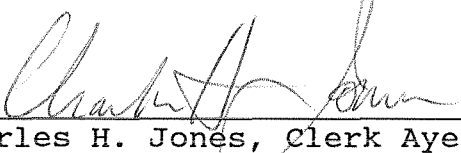
8:30p.m. The Board requested a five (5) minute recess.

8:35P.M. The Board re-entered Open Session.

The Board met with Robert McGinty re: Shaker Hill Golf Course. Mr. McGinty advised the Board that he will be meeting with the Ayer Conservation Commission on April 2, 1991 pursuant to Public Hearing relevant to road improvements, widening of Shaker Road & maintenance to include replacement of the Bennetts Brook culvert and minimal alterations to wetlands, bank and land under a waterway and bordering land subject to flooding, installation of a dry hydrant and the installation of a utility pole along the existing cart path. The Board moved to approve the plans based upon the Engineers certification. Selectman Jones moved to approve the plans as submitted, seconded by Selectmen McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman McKinney, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:45p.m. Meeting adjourned.

 DATE: 4/1/91  
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Charles H. Jones, Clerk Ayer Board of Selectmen