

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1990  
2ND FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

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

THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 1990 WERE AMENDED, AND APPROVED AS AMENDED.

THE WEEKLY WARRANT WAS EXAMINED AND APPROVED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

PAYROLL:       \$335,028.40  
BILLS:         \$175,107.69

THE BOARD APPROVED A ONE DAY BEER & WINE LICENSE FOR THE AYER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: NOVEMBER 3, 10, 15, 17, & 24, 1990 WITH SUNDAY RESTRICTION NOT TO START SERVING OR SELLING UNTIL 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAYS.

7:35P.M. PUBLIC HEARING- WATER SUPPLY

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY OPENED THE HEARING BY UPDATING LOCAL RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE TO THE BOARD'S CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE TOWN'S WATER PROBLEMS, AND THE NEED AND REASONS CAUSING THE UNTREATED GROVE POND WELLS TO BE ACTIVATED AGAIN.

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT THE INTENT OF THE BOARD WAS TO HEAR COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING THE QUALITY OF THE WATER AND REVIEWED OPTIONS:

1. DO NOTHING
2. INVESTING IN A TREATMENT FACILITY FOR GROVE POND, ESTIMATED AT A COST OF 4.5 MILLION DOLLARS
3. PLACE A MORATORIUM ON NEW WATER TIE-INS

SUPT. REDFIELD EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT MAXIMUM DRAW ON THE TWO (2) SPECTACLE POND WELLS EXCEEDED THE SUPPLY AND THAT A SCREEN IN ONE (1) OF THE WELLS HAS BECOME CLOGGED WHICH WAS REDUCING CURRENT FLOWS OF WATER IN TOWN. SUPT. REDFIELD ALSO BROKE DOWN THE USAGE THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AS: 39% USED RESIDENTIALLY, 12% COMMERCIALY, 34% FOR INDUSTRIAL AND 7% FLUSHING.

SELECTMAN JONES STATED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING SAFETY ISSUES REGARDING WATER PRESSURE IN CASE OF FIRE, AND THE GROVE POND WELLS BEING ACTIVATED BEING A SHORT TERM FIX. SELECTMAN MCKINNEY WISHING INPUT FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE TO HELP THE BOARD EXPLORE

## POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

### QUESTIONS RAISED BY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

1. POSSIBILITY OF DRILLING ANOTHER WELL AT THE SPECTACLE POND SITE.
2. IF THE INDUSTRIAL USAGE HAD RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED RE: WATER CONSUMPTION.
3. WAS THE INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY USING MORE WATER AS THEIR BUSINESS GREW
4. CONSERVATION MEASURES.
5. STAND PIPES OVERFLOWING
6. HAVING BIG USERS PUT IN THEIR OWN WELL

AREA RESIDENT PRESENTED CLOTHING AND DISH DISCOLORED BY THE WATER STATING THERE WAS NO WAY WHEN RESIDENTS WERE WARNED WHEN THE GROVE POND WELL WOULD BE TURNED ON SO AS TO NOT WASH CLOTHS WHEN THE UNTREATED WELLS WERE ACTIVATED.

THE BOARD AFTER A VERY LENGTHY DISCUSSION THANKED EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE FOR COMING AND TOOK THE MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT.

THE BOARD MET WITH THE TOWN'S ADVISORY BOARD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TOWN ACCOUNTANT REGARDING STATE AID DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF C.L.T. PETITION.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TIM HIGGINS OPENED THE DISCUSSION STATING THE DEPT. OF REVENUE CALCULATES THAT THE TOWN OF AYER COULD LOSE APPROXIMATELY \$736,000 IN LOCAL AID IN FY-91.

MR. HIGGINS STATED THAT THE DISCUSSION INTENT THIS EVENING WOULD BE THE USE OR PARTIAL USE OF FREE CASH, BUDGET REDUCTIONS, EXPLORATIONS OF ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES, COST SAVING MEASURES AND ANY COMBINATION OF ALL. MR. HIGGINS PRESENTED A BUDGET BREAK-OUT DEPICTING PERCENTAGES OF ALL DEPARTMENTAL CUTS IF C.L.T. PASSES.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT, SHARON SUMMERS EXPLAINED "FREE CASH" AND ELABORATED THAT THE TOWN HAS BEEN CERTIFIED HAVING \$1.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN FREE CASH.

SELECTMAN SLARSKY STATED THAT AYER WAS FAR BETTER OFF THAN NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO DISCUSS CUTS UNTIL THE VOTE ON C.L.T. HAS BEEN TAKEN. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW THE PROJECTED BUDGET CUTS SUBMITTED AND REQUESTED THE MATTER BE TABLED UNTIL LATER DATE.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THAT CHIEF CONNORS REPORTED THE UNION WOULD NOT ACCEPT REDUCTIONS IN COURT TIME PAY.
2. THE BOARD MET WITH CHIEF CONNORS WITH REGARD TO REVIEWING THE HARASSMENT IN THE WORK PLACE POLICY. THE BOARD REQUESTED TIME TO REVIEW THIS POLICY AND PLACED IT BACK ON THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 30, 1990.
3. THE BOARD APPROVED TOWN COUNSEL AND TIM TO ATTEND THE PERA HEARING ON JOHN BUSACK SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 29, 1990 AT 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN SLARSKY REQUESTED TIME TO THANK THE AYER POLICE DEPT. IN BEHALF OF CHARLES HORGAN, FOR THE FAST RESPONSE REGARDING THE RECENT BREAK INS IN THE WILLIAMS STREET AREA.

SELECTMAN JONES MOVED THE BOARD ADJOURN FROM OPEN SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23B, REGARDING EXEMPTION #5: CONCERNING DPW STANDBY. SECONDED BY SELECTMAN MCKINNEY. VOTE: UNANIMOUS, SO MOVED.

9:05 P.M. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED.

*Charles H. Jones*  
*12/30/90*