

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
UPPER TOWN HALL
AUGUST 21, 1990

7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

PRESENT: Chairman Slarsky, Selectmen Jones and McKinney, and Tim Higgins, Executive Secretary

Chairman Slarsky called the meeting to order. It was agreed to waive the signing of the minutes of August 7, 1990 until the next meeting.

The Board signed the weekly warrant, Expenses: \$68,317.38, and Payroll: \$76,560.28.

The Board reviewed the application of a one-day Beer and Wine License from the Ayer Gun and Sportman's Club. A motion to approve the license was made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

PRESENTATION TO TOM RILEY:

Chairman Slarsky noted that Mr. Riley had been a public employee for thirty-two (32) years as an equipment operator for the DPW. The Board presented him with a certificate and a plaque acknowledging his work, along with a gold watch honoring his retirement. Presenting the watch was Superintendent Redfield.

Also at this time the Board gave Mrs. Rockwood a presentation in recognition of her last meeting with the Board before her move to New Hampshire.

CAMBRIDGE STREET DESIGNATED AT A ONE-WAY STREET:

In a decision on this matter, the Board voted to have Cambridge Street as a one way street westerly from Columbia Street to Washington Street, and that Newton Street should remain one way in an easterly direction. A motion to this effect was made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Selectman Jones and in a discussion it was noted that this should be implemented as soon as possible. The motion was passed.

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CHAIRMAN SLARSKY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE HARVARD SELECTMEN:

PRESENT: Sally Wooster, Dana Owens, John Petrin

Ms. Wooster explained that in regards to the Shaker Hills Golf Course she felt that it would be more advantageous to have an access road on Route 2A, and using an abandoned driveway for a primary entrance. This would also be of less impact to the Crossman Family. The Crossman's would be willing to negotiate with the Woodland Co. on an access route. It was noted that the plan would have to come back to the Ayer Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the original entrance. Chairman Slarsky stated that the Board would need a closer review and recommended that he, along with the other members walk the site. Slarsky also stated that, as for himself, he needed a better understanding for the Town of Ayer and that this would be his number one concern. At this point he noted that in a letter from the Harvard Selectmen dated in February regarding State Aid that Harvard was seeking cooperation from the Town of Ayer. Mr. Owens noted that such a request at this meeting was intended to protect the Crossmans from heavy volume of traffic. Ms. Wooster added that the proposal, if successful, would have an access to the Golf Course Club House which would be situated on Ayer property. This would remove Harvard's objections to the use of the clubhouse, specifically for a liquor license. Chairman Slarsky noted that a liquor permit had not been requested or discussed with the Town of Ayer by the developer. He asked how this would merit the change in an approved project as to benefitting the Town of Ayer to entertain such consideration. Mr. Owens then suggested that there would not be any benefit for either town, but that the residents of the area between the current entrance and the proposed entrance would be benefactors. The Board agreed to table further discussion until a site walk could be completed. The date of August 25th was agreed to by all parties, including the developer and his attorney. All interested citizens and abutters will be included.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUNDAY PACKAGE STORE OPENINGS:

Chairman Slarsky read the notice of the Public Hearing as published in the newspaper.

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Chairman Slarsky noted that the state would be allowing the Sunday opening of package stores and asked for comments from his colleagues about the Sunday operations. Selectman Jones noted that there would be no rationale for not going along with the State Law at the discretion of owners. Selectman McKinney noted that his concerns were about public safety, but that economically speaking this law would give the merchants a boost. Chairman Slarsky stated that in his view there was not a finer day than Sunday, but considering the economic changes he would support Commerce. If this was not granted then the owners would be at a disadvantage. Mr. Berry and Mr. Tom Roux both agreed that the Sunday openings were warranted in that business has been on the decrease since Fort Devens opened their Cass 6 store on Sundays. Chief Connors stated that Sunday is a quiet day in Ayer and stated that more traffic would occur, adding that on Sunday the Police Department catches up on follow-up investigations, radar assignments, etc. and that the passage of this law would create alcohol related violations (refer to Chief's letter on file dated 8/21/90). Chairman Slarsky noted that this opening was at the discretion of the merchants and asked for a vote of the Board. Selectman Jones made a motion to approve the Sunday Package openings as per Section 316 , Chapter 150 of the Acts of 1990 and Section 181 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989. Selectman McKinney seconded the motion. In a discussion it was decided that the Licenses be amended to show the Sunday openings, and the motion was passed.

SUPERINTENDENT REDFIELD'S REPORT:

Item No. 3 - Supt. Redfield presented three (3) Water Connection Permits:

- * a. Lot 35B Wright Road - 240 gallons per day
- * b. Lot 35A Wright Road - 240 gallons per day
- * Both Single Family Dwellings
 - c. Whitcomb Avenue - 330 gallons per day

Also presented was a list of sewer connections (see list attached).

A motion to approve the permits was made by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman McKinney, and passed. Chairman Slarsky noted that with water and sewer restrictions the developers should realize the risk of not receiving permits for water and

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sewer lines. Supt. Redfield stated that there is a balance of 13, 620 gallons remaining per day. The Town can approve based on the 2,000 gallon restriction.

Noting that the Board had concerns as to restricting new water connections at their August 7th meeting, citing critical situation of the Town's water supply. He noted that the Town has a legal right to restrict new sewer connections under DEP Administrative Order 753 and that this would also restrict new water connections except for those for existing buildings in the Snake Hill Road and Wright Road area, and new buildings proposing to use on site septic systems. He continued that if the 2,000 gallons per day discharge - per month - is not stringent enough to control new sewer connections, that a request to Massachusetts DEP to reduce sewer connection's monthly allotment could be submitted. Also that the Town may consider water fees for large users to contribute money to an enterprise count that could be utilized by the Town to upgrade its Grove Pond Well Fields, and installation of a new water storage standpipe. Chairman Slarsky asked that Supt. Redfield generate letters to DEP for review by the Board.

In other matters, Mr. Redfield explained that he had received a report from Ogden Martin Systems on the Tip over at the Transfer Station on July 22, 1990. The report stated that the main cause for this accident was a malfunction in the twenty-five (25) year old fifth wheel mounted on the truck tractor used at the Transfer Station. He stated that the Town should allocate funds for new equipment, but Chairman Slarsky asked him to explore all opens. Mr. Redfield noted that a fire was discovered in a transfer trailer due to combustion of grass and live clippings. He reminded the Board that these items must be disposed of in the designated areas outside of the Transfer Station or at the DPW yard.

GEORGE MOORE - PERMITS FOR DOUG ROAD:

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that Mr. Moore receive one (1) water permit, and eight (8) sewer permits for his sub-division on Doug Road. Chairman Slarsky noted that in light of restrictions Mr. Moore should realize that he was taking a risk and should understand that. A motion to approve the one (1) water permit and eight (8) sewer tie-in permits was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman McKinney. The motion

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was passed. It was also agreed that regarding Mr. Moore's permits that he could come back with the water application within a reasonable time.

Mr. Moore asked about the on-site engineer. Mr. Redfield reminded him that the developer hires the inspector. Chairman Slarsky asked that the discussion be closed.

Mr. Redfield continued with his report. He presented Item No. 10, Charges and Fees for Implementation and Administration of the Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program for the Board's review (see attached). He also enclosed a copy of Waterworks which he answers some questions for the enterprise system, which he recommended that the Town adopt for the Water and Sewer Divisions of the Department of Public Works. He requested the Board's permission to advertise a RFP for the Implementation of the Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program and asked if he could advertise this by the end of September.

Mr. Redfield presented CDM's letter of August 6, 1990 to the Board requesting payment for construction of the Spectacle Pond Well #2 Emergency Generator, and the Stop & Start Instrumentation for the well. This will be a cost of \$15,000.

Selectman Jones asked Mr. Redfield to install "Slow Children" signs on Fletcher Street and Wright Road. He stated that he would check out the areas and install the signs.

CIVIL DEFENSE PRESENTATION:

The Board made a presentation to David Rockwood for this five (5) years as Civil Defense Director in the Town and for his work in the implementation of the Town's Emergency Plan.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT OF AUGUST 21, 1990:

Tim Higgins presented the Election Warrant for Signature. A motion to sign the Warrant was made by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman McKinney and Passed. Tim noted that Richard's Auto wanted to be reinstated as a towing service for the Town of Ayer. He explained that Richard's services would alternate monthly with D&H Services. A motion to reinstate Richards Towing Service was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman McKinney. Tim reminded the Board that the Boston Post Cane award to Mrs. Rebecca Pierce would be made on August 27, 1990 and also on that evening there was going to be a dinner for selectmen and mayors at Fort Devens.

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The Federated Church requested a block party to be held at Maple Street on September 9, 1990. A motion to approve the request was made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Chairman Slarsky, and passed. NOTE: Selectman Jones abstained from any action or discussion on this request.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clark H. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Clark" on top, "H." in the middle, and "Jones" on the bottom.