

Selectmen's Meeting
April 10, 1990

7:30PM Open Session

Present: Chairman Jones, Selectmen Sifakis and Slarsky, and Tim Higgins, Executive Secretary

The Board reviewed the minutes of 3/27/90, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Selectman Sifakis, seconded by Selectman Slarsky and the motion passed.

The Board signed the Weekly Warrant.

Taxi License Application:

Present: Nereida Cartagena, applicant Also present were Karen Blowey and Richard Morales from Ayer Express Taxi. Mr Higgins noted that that the Chief Police had reviewed the application and had recommended approval. A motion to grant the license based on conditions as listed was made by Selectman Sifakis, seconded by Selectman Slarsky. *Conditions(no more than 8 passengers in the vehicle to include the driver.) (15 in the vans including driver)

Executive Secretary's Report:(see Tim's report dated 4/10/90)

Free Cash:Tim noted that the amount of the override will be reduced by \$284,908. Also that press releases concerning this had been published. Tim also noted that on Wednesday he would be discussing the override at a public meeting at the Fire Station, and also on 19th at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast. Item #2, The Ayer Depot - Tim explained that several citizens had expressed their concerns that the Ayer Selectmen had not taken a formal position on the relocation of the Ayer Depot without any public comment. One relocation site would be across the Main Gate of Ft. Devens. Mr. Higgins noted that the MBTA had never presented a formal proposal to the Board, and through phone calls to the MBTA, he was notified that several sites are still being considered, but because of the States's fiscal problems no final decisions have been made. It was agreed to wait for a public hearing on the matter. Item #3 Odgen & Martin: Mr Higgins

noted that he would be meeting with O&M representatives before the next Selectmen's meeting and that Mr. Redfield and Town Counsel would also be present, and hoped that a tentative agreement could be reached. He noted that the Fire Department Budget was in jeopardy, he continued that he had submitted a memo to the Treasurer concerning Health Care. He gave the Board a letter for their signatures concerning the Home Rule Petition, and stated that he would be going to Boston when the Bill would be presented. He noted that he had been working with the Treasurer on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield reductions and that another meeting was scheduled later in the week. Mr Higgins stated that BC/BS was not happy about reducing this coverage, and that they want to cut us out of the program. Mr Higgins presented a list of water leaks, it was agreed by the Board that this list would have to be reviewed by Mr. Redfield first and would be put back on the agenda at another time. The Chairman read a letter from the Historical Commission asking that Mr. Ralph H. Richardson be appointed as Town Historian, the Board members then signed the letter and unanimously agreed that this appointment be made. The Board noted that this was Selectman Sifakis' last meeting, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Supt Redfield's report:(see Supt Redfield's report)

Mr. Redfield noted that it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Sifakis. He then asked the Board to approve a water connection for property on Mountain View Road, a motion to approve was made by Selectman Slarsky and seconded by Selectman Sifakis, all in favor and the motion passed. Chairman Jones asked about the water leak list, Mr Redfield stated he had not reviewed the list and that there was a problem on that particular form, he stated he would review the list. Mr Redfield asked that the Board approve a sewer connection on 32 Westford Rd, a motion to approve this was made by Selectman Sifakis, seconded by Selectman Slarsky and passed, also for a sewer connection on 25 Coolidge Rd, Selectman Slarsky made a motion to approve and seconded by Selectman Sifakis. Mr. Redfield noted that 10,000 gallons were remaining for the month. SEA - Mr Redfield explained that the study had been signed by Town Counsel, and that it should be signed by the Board. Chairman Jones noted that since this had already been discussed(impact analysis of the safe water drinking act of 1986) the amendment should be signed. A motion to sign was made by Selectman Sifakis and seconded by Selectman Slarsky. Chairman Jones asked about the Bid submitted by Mr. Maxant. Mr Redfield stated that he had the bid, but it was too premature for action at this time. Mr. Redfield noted that next week the gates would be closed on E. Main St. Dam, that the water levels had be lowered because of the Wright Rd Sewer work.

Recycling Mr. Don Leistekow

Mr. Leistekow handed out packets he had compiled on the recycling program. He stated that information on this project had to be

distributed Town Wide to be effective and that citizens would have to participate. He stated that the Salvation Army would be willing to leave a container at the Transfer Station for Clothes pick up. He noted that the Board of Health would have to bring the program together. Mr Redfield noted that volunteers would be needed at the Transfer Station, Mr Higgins pointed out that the Town should be careful of liabilities. It was agreed that there was a need to make the Town aware. Selectman Slarsky stated that the program should start as soon as possible and asked that a letter be sent to DEP and that Mr Redfield call the Salvation Army and meet with the Board of Health, which he agreed to do.

Building Inspector - Handicap Access at the Schools..

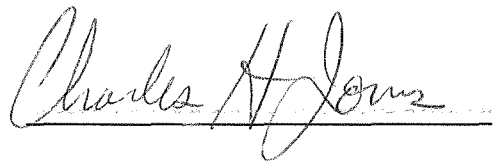
Mr Halligan stated to the Board that he had inspected the handicapped facilities (see his report) and noted that measurements were incorrect and that the Architectural Board had denied any variances. Mr Halligan stated that this has to be in compliance or he could not certify the handicap access. Selectman Slarsky suggested that a letter be sent from the Architectural Board. It was also noted that the Whipple Co was expecting a partial payment, Selectman Slarsky stated that the Board should not sign anything or approve payment without approval of the Architectural Board. Chairman Jones noted that the issue is with the contractor. It was agreed that the Board would wait for a letter from the State Architectural Board before taking any further action.

Chief Connors/Pending Litigation

Atty Hazard/IBPO Union Members

Atty Hazard informed the Selectmen that this issue be tabled but that the IBPO would preserve their rights and would be willing to work this out with Chief Connors as a result of a renewed spirit within the Union. Chief Connors asked that the seven complaints be brought back, Chairman Jones stated that the Union and the Chief should meet and that the Board be kept up to date.

9:00PM A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Selectman Slarsky, seconded by Selectman Sifakis and passed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles H. Jones", written over a horizontal line.