

Selectmen's Meeting
March 13, 1990
Upper Town Hall

7:30PM Open Session

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

The minutes of February 20, 1990 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Selectman Sifakis, seconded by Selectman Slarsky, and passed. The minutes of February 27, 1990 were also reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes of February 27, was made by Selectman Sifakis and seconded by Chairman Jones, and passed. (NOTE: Selectman Slarsky abstained from voting on the minutes of 2/27/90)

The Board signed the Weekly Warrant:

Payroll \$34,706.57 Expenses: \$195,514.26

The Board reviewed an application for a one-day Beer & Wine license as requested by the Ayer Gun and Sportsman Club for 3/18/90. A motion to approve the license was made by Selectman Slarsky, seconded by Selectman Sifakis and passed.

At this time the Board recognized Mr. Ralph Hoffman who resigned from the Conservation Commission. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Jones presented Mr. Hoffman a plaque expressing the Town's appreciation for Mr. Hoffman's 17 years of service on the Commission.

Executive Secretary's Report:(see report dated 3/3/90)

Mr Higgins noted that Dept heads were advised to submit level service budgets and also a summary sheet which would list the personnel/expenses that would be cut if they were to level fund budgets at the fy90 level. Chairman Jones asked that the Board meet after the Public Hearing scheduled for the 29th and this was agreed to by the members. He noted that this way changes could be incorporated to prepare for the warrant for the Town Meeting. He noted that Chief Parker wants to assess a \$200.00 user fee to industries and businesses that utilize the municipal fire alarm system. He continued that this matter would have to come before Town Meeting voters in order to transfer any money for repairs and maintenance of the system. Selectman Slarsky questioned the need to have a hearing to get this on the warrant, Chairman Jones stated that this could also be done on the 29th. Tim advised the Board that FEMA had reviewed the comments of the Town and its consultant (Maguire Group) and have found nothing sufficient to prohibit revising the NFIP maps to reflect the analysis performed by Charles Perkins for San-Vel/Lone Star. (see letter dated 2/23/90).

Tim noted that it was difficult for the Maguire Group to obtain information from Perkins because that company is currently under Chap. 11, Chairman Jones asked if this would have an impact on Zone 2, Tim replied that DEP will make a ruling. Tim noted that the Police Chief would be utilizing \$250.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to contribute to a computerized intelligence file system to combat drug activity, it was noted that the fund is set up specifically for this purpose.

Tim advised the members that the Sifakis family had sent a check for the costs associated with Tony's fire and that no Town funds had been used. He stated that he attended the ABCC hearing held last week regarding the Rotor Klub. He advised the Board that the matter had been taken under advisement for 30 days, also that one of the hearing officers had stated to him that the Town of Ayer had not submitted its annual report for 1988 and 1989 and noted that this was false as both reports have been filed. He continued that he and Chief Connors would be meeting to draft the proposed liquor license regulations and suggested that the Board should forward all notifications from the ABCC to the Ayer PD for further investigation.

Tim stated a letter had been received from an Ayer Citizen commending Officer O'Connell for his handling of a recent investigation. Selectman Slarsky asked that this be put in the Officers personnel file. Tim advised the Board that he had a response from John Devillars regarding the nomination of Spectacle Pond Resource Area as Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Tim read the letter, it was noted that out of 4 resource groups, only one area was designated as critical, the Public Water Supply. Chairman Jones stated that Secretary DeVillars may come to Ayer, The Board agreed that he should come.

Tim noted that the Annual Report by the Selectmen had been completed, it was decided that it should be further reviewed. Selectman Sifakis read a statement from the 1971 Annual Report, and noted that Robert Bowler had asked for consideration for a new form of Town Government, that of Town Manager and that there is a need for a full time Board, also that a Charter study is needed.

Chairman Jones stated that the Board had just received a letter from the IBPO #346 regarding their meeting on 3/10/90 and a vote taken concerning the Chief. He added that there would be no further discussion until the Selectmen had time to review the information.

Supt Redfield's Report:

Supt Redfield recommended that firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. of Bedford, NH be awarded the contract to provide engineering services for the Town of Ayer's Pavement Management System, at a cost of \$22,500. Reimbursement would come from Chapter 90 money. Selectman Slarsky made a motion to award the contract noting that reimbursement would be from Chapter 90 funds, seconded by Selectman Sifakis and the motion passed.

Other Bidders included:

Kimball Chase Co., of Lawrence Ma	\$27,500.00
HMM Associates, Inc. of Concord MA	26,600.00
Christman Assoc. of Chester, CT	24,776.00
Wilbur Smith Associates, Providence RI	28,000.00
BETA Engineering Inc, Boston MA	56,000.00

Item#2 Mr Redfield stated that the Town had received notice from EPA concerning the Wastewater Industrial Pre-Treatment Program. He noted that he was advised by Hoyle Tanner & Assoc that it would cost \$12,000 as an addition to HTA'S Contract now. He recommended that the Board ~~include~~ include on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant an Article to appropriate an additional \$12,000.00 for HTA to update the proposed Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment regulations. Selectman Slarsky recommended that a letter be sent to EPA and that his motion would not authorize the \$12,000 article at Town Meeting, and to change nothing at this time, seconded by Selectman Sifakis, in a discussion it was noted that the \$12,000 would bring the WWTP up to the new EPA Guidelines for 1989. Selectman Slarsky stated that his motion was predicated on the fact that money is not there. Chairman Jones stated that although this was mandated we are still billed for costs, it was agreed that fines could be imposed but that there was no extra money now. Mr Redfield reminded the members that without new regulations the Town cannot enforce industries into pre treatment programs but with with new proper programs the Town could force industries to comply. The Chairman asked for a vote, all in favor and the motion passed.

Supt Redfield advised the Board that he had reviewed Ogden & Martin's bills for the month of February and that the Town's tonnage had decreased from 225 tons to 115 tons. He added that the Town may be responsible to pay a fee on the undelivered tonage below the minimum tonage that is set by Ogden Martin. He stated that he would keep the Board apprised of the situation..

In other matters Chairman Jones noted that a fire hydrant was down on Copeland Drive. Mr Redfield assured the Board tht this would be checked into, he also noted that the mylars had been received from Very Fine. Selectman Sifakis asked about the Standpipes, Mr. Redfield noted that the materials were in , but that they were waiting for parts, he informed the members that the sending unit was only three of this type in New England.

Taxi Regulations

Present: Atty Gardner and Chief Connors

The Board reviewed the Taxi Regulations and asked that Atty Gardner come back with changes in some of the wording which he agreed to do., and that he would also check with the DPU. Selectman Slarsky stated that Taxi Licenses issued should not exceed 15 licenses. Chairman Jones noted that a license would be revoked if many complaints were received. It was noted that there may have to be a Public Hearing before any article concerning the Taxi By-Law would go to Town Meeting.

8:50PM At this time, Selectman Slarsky made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B, seconded by Selectman Sifakis and passed.

Emanuel A. Sifakis