

Town of Ayer

Board of Selectmen

**Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room
Ayer Massachusetts, 01432
2-16-10**



Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Meeting Date: 2-16-10

Present:

Cornelius F. Sullivan, Chairman (Mr. Sullivan)	X	Carolyn McCreary, Member (Ms. McCreary)	X
Richard D. Gilles, Vice-Chairman (Mr. Gilles)	X	Gary J. Luca, Member (Mr. Luca)-	X
James M. Fay, Clerk (Mr. Fay)	X	Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator (Mr. Suhoski)	X
Janet Lewis, Secretary (Mrs. Lewis)	X		

Open Session:

7:10p.m. Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

Public Input: Chairman Sullivan requesting if there was anyone present wishing to meet with the Board under Public Input.

*Chairman Sullivan announced Rep. Robert Hargraves in the Town Hall this evening to conduct Office Hours from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

*Chairman Sullivan announced the cancellation of Agenda Item #1 to be rescheduled to the next Selectmen's Meeting. (3-2-10) due to weather.

*Selectman Fay requesting the Board move up Agenda Item #3. School Regionalization to Agenda Item #1.

Selectman Gilles, announcing Congresswoman Niki Tsongas conducting "Small Business Round Table" at the Ayer Town Hall tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17th at 11:00a.m., Chamber of Commerce will be conducting tour of downtown Ayer with Congressman Tsongas at 10:00a.m., prior to round table conference, welcoming and encouraging small business owners in Town to attend this conference.

*Pauline Conley-requesting copy of correspondence from Harvard Board of Selectmen from Selectmen's 2-2-10 packet.

*Selectman Fay, re recommending the Board vote this evening re establishment of Ayer/Shirley Regional School District.

*Chairman Sullivan –announced the Open House at the Pleasant Street School Senior Housing this Saturday & Sunday the 20th & 21st : Saturday from 10-12 and Sunday from 1-3.

*Chairman Sullivan announced he will not be running for Selectman in April 2010.

Agenda Item #1. School Regionalization Planning Committee-The Board met with Thomas Casey and Supt. of Schools George Frost. Mr. Casey announced the joint meeting and vote taken on Thursday, Feb. 11th, at the Public Forum held in Town of Shirley for the Special Town Meetings re the establishment of a Regional School District between the Towns of Ayer & Shirley. Mr. Casey advised to Special Town Meeting to be held in Ayer on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 10:00a.m. at the Ayer High School, Washington St., and in Shirley at the Middle School, where a paper vote will be taken in both towns for the establishment of the Regional School District. The Board spoke in favor of the region and thanked the Regionalization Committee for all their work and enthusiastically endorsed and supported the school regionalization. Selectman McCreary moved the Board vote to establish a Regional School District, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. Selectman Gilles moved the Board vote to approve the March 6, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented by the Town Administrator, 2nd by Selectman Fay, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. Selectman Fay moved the Board lose the 3-6-10 Special Town Meeting Warrant, 2nd by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous so moved. The

Board noted the recommendations of both the Finance Committee and School Committee supporting the passage of the Regional School District.

Agenda Item #2. Supt. Nason's Report-The Board met with Supt. Dan Nason

1. Water/Sewer Permits-Selectman Gilles moved the Board vote to approve Water & Sewer permits for 4 & 10 Patriot Way for 1 cu inch Water service and 6" PVC, and authorize the Chairman's signature, 2nd by Selectman Fay, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
2. Change Order-Grove Pond Well #2-Selectman Luca moved the Board vote to approve a Change Order for Grove Pond Well #2 to purchase a pump & motor from Denis L. Maher Co., LLC at a cost of \$8,718.00 which includes installation, and authorize the Chairman's signature, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
3. Change Order Spec. Pond Well #1- additional two new services to the Maher Service, Inc. Contract #1. Bore pump bowls and install new wear rings-\$498.00, & #2. muriatic acid to enhance redevelopment-\$450.00 for a total change order totaling \$938.00 adjusted price up from \$14,380.00 to \$15,318.00 additional funding in budget. Selectman Luca moved to approve the Spec. Pond Change Order #1 not to exceed \$15,318.00, and authorize the Chairman's signature 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
4. Supt. Nason assured Board to having street cleaned up/cleared of snow for Congresswoman Tsongas walk of Main Street and meeting i.e. parking for tomorrow's round table with Ayer businesses.

Agenda Item #3. Capital Planning Committee-Town Administrator updated the Board to the Capital Planning Committee considering a Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion for Fy-11 due to expected funding shortfall. Mr. Suhoski ran through items being considered: Schools Feasibility Study -\$200K, Jaws of Life-\$41K, Town Hall Generator-\$65K, Police Admin Vehicle-\$30K, DPW-Admin Vehicle \$25K, Street signs-\$58K, full mounted mower--\$9500, ¾ ton utility truck-\$35K, 6 wheel dump truck-\$141K. Mr. Suhoski advising to listed projects meeting definition of departmental equipment and therefore qualifying with the exception of the Feasibility Study. Mr. Suhoski advising to this item informational still awaiting Fin-Com approval and recommendation.

Agenda Item #4. JBoS-

Selectman Gilles advising to MADev Sub-Com Financial Team meeting at the Ayer Police Dept.-Community Room, on Sunday 2-20-10 @10am re Devens State funded redevelopment revenue compared to traditional town level reliance on local receipts, the tax levy and state aid re providing municipal style services on Devens. Selectman Fay advising to Vicksburg Sq. two developers redacted version of proposals on Web Site.

Agenda Item #5. Town Administrator's Report-

1. Tax Exemption Form-Prism Energy Lighting Retrofit-Tax Forms that will allocate the Town's portion of the costs of upgrading the lighting at the Fire station to Prism Energy-
Fire Station -lighting-total project cost \$5,022.43 -Utility Incentive -\$3,741.74 Total cost of Agreement \$1,280.72. Selectman Fay moved the Board vote to approve the Prism Energy Services 179D Deduction Agreement for Government-owned buildings in the amount not to exceed \$1,280.72, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
DPW Lighting Upgrade-Total Project cost-\$5,786.69-Utility Incentive-\$4,050.69 Total cost of Agreement \$1,736.01. Selectman Fay moved the Board vote to approve the Prism Energy Services 179D Deduction Agreement for Government-owned buildings in the amount not to exceed \$1,736.01, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
2. Town Administrator reminded Board to Executive Tri-Board Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at 6:30p.m. re lawsuit in Maher case the regular meeting of the Tri-board will follow budget discussion, policies & five year report.
3. Congressman Tsongas meeting tomorrow and support for the Town's Downtown Commuter Parking earmark to access the Fy-11 appropriation of approximately \$7.1 million to help secure the funding will be requested. Town Administrator sharing Congresswoman Tsongas Fy-11 Appropriation Request top of page 2.

Energy Meeting with Johnson Controls scheduled for March 9, 2010 at the Town Hall @7:00p.m.

Agenda item #5. New Business/Selectmen's Questions-

Selectman Fay-Memorial Garden Committee-Ceremony date of 5-29-10 in conjunction with American Legion requesting Memorial Garden enrollee be part of parade and advised to ceremony being conducted on Columbia St. side of Town Hall re plaque dedication as part of American Legion Program with a short program back at Town Hall starting at 1:00p.m. for the Enrollees/family/residents with light refreshments. The Board discussed Police Detail for Columbia St. and Selectman Fay moved the Board approve of the Memorial Garden Com. to use the of Town Hall on the 29th from 1-3pm for short program, 2nd by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman McCreary-Selectman McCreary requested the town Administrator submit another letter on behalf of the Board to DEP/EPA, Surface Transportation Board (STB), AG re Phase II construction of Parking Lot starting up at PanAm site, 2nd by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:17p.m. Selectman Gilles moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Selectman McCreary, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Date: _____

James M. Fay, Clerk

AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Ayer Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, Main St., Ayer, MA

**6:30p.m. Open Session with the possibility of entering
 Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B
 Exemption #3 Strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining**

7:00 p.m. Open Session

Public Input:

Selectman Gilles	Congresswoman Nicki Tsongas-Small Business Conference-Ayer Town Hall-2 nd floor Great Hall Wednesday, February 17, 2010 @ 11:00a.m.

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| 1. | 7:00p.m.-7:10p.m. | 10min | Certificates of Recognition
1. Robert Hammond-Boy Scout Troop 2
Retiring after 56 Years of Service
2. Larry Cole-Ayer Fire Dept. Deputy Chief Call Fire-fighters
Retiring after 35 years of Service |
| 2. | 7:10p.m.-7:20p.m. | 10min | Ayer Housing Authority re Pleasant Street School Apartments |
| 3. | 7:20p.m.-7:30p.m. | 10min | Ayer/Shirley School Regionalization Special Town Meeting
Saturday, March 6, 2010 @ 10:00a.m. |
| 4. | 7:30p.m.-8:00p.m. | 30min | Supt. Nason's Report
1 Water/Sewer Permits
2. Change Order-Grove Pond Well #2
3. Change Order -Spec. Pond Well #1 |
| 5. | 8:00p.m.-8:15p.m. | 15min | Capital Planning Committee
re Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion |
| 6 | 8:15p.m.-8:25p.m. | 10min | JBOS |
| 7 | 8:25p.m.-8:45p.m. | 20min | Town Administrator's Report
1. March 6, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant
2. Tax Exemption Form
3. Tri-Board 2-8-10 @6:30p.m.
with Insurance Counsel
4. Downtown Parking
5. Misc.
FYI's
1. Green Communities Meeting 3-9-10 @7pm
2. Senator Eldredge will be at 3-2-10 Selectmen's Mtg. |
| 8. | 8:45p.m.-8:55p.m.. | 10min | New Business/Selectmen's Questions

Open Session with the possibility of entering Executive Session
 Pursuant to MG.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Exemption #3
 Re: Collective Bargaining |

**Adjourn
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