

Town of Ayer
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room
Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Minutes

Meeting date: 09-17-08

Present:

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

Meeting Called to order at 6:05pm by Madame Chair McCreary in open session.

In open session

Mr. Sullivan moved to amend the agenda to include the open session items following. Second: Mr. Gilles. Vote – unanimous. So moved.

1 Urban Development Action Grant Funds

- a. Discussion: Mr. Sullivan expressed concern over the declining balance projected in the UDAG fund and requested the item be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Capital Planning Committee:

- a. Discussion: Mr. Gilles questioned whether a new transfer station pickup truck was sufficient for its required tasks. Mr. Suhoski to look into the request with department foremen. Mr. Gilles discussed membership of the Capital Planning Committee and whether the Finance Committee had appointed a designee.

3. Request for use of Great Hall:

- a. Discussion: Mr. Gilles received a request for use of the Great Hall by St. Andrew's Church for a blood drive. The matter was referred to the Town Administrator.

4. Polling Location:

- a. Discussion: Mr. Gilles stating he had received comments and had his own preference that voting be returned to the schools. Members expressed mixed opinions.

5. North Post – Potential Airfield

- a. Discussion: Mr. Gilles stating he has been made aware of discussion concerning opening the former Army airfield to commercial jets. Will brief at upcoming BOS meeting.

6. Pleasant Street School

- a. Discussion: Mr. Suhoski advising the Board to the need for a Confirmatory Deed that will allow the federal HUD closing of Pleasant Street School financing to go forward. To be brought forward at September 23 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Gilles moved the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, Exemption No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel, and Exemption No. 6 with respect to real property, and to adjourn from Executive Session into Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Second: Mr. Fay. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Selectman Luca – aye; Selectman Sullivan – aye, Selectman Fay – aye; Selectman Gilles – aye; Chair McCreary – aye. So moved.

END OPEN SESSION – SEE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

In open session: Mr. Gilles moved to adjourn. Second: Mr. Luca. Vote – Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.