

Ayer Board of Selectmen
February 4, 2003
Ayer Town Hall

Present: Jane Witherow, Paul Bresnahan, James Fay, Frank Maxant, DPW Mike Madigan, Town Adm. Anita Hegarty, Paul K. McGuane, Rev. Philip Goff

8:15 a.m. Chairman Witherow called the meeting to order, only one agenda item for discussion re: snow shoveling of the Ayer Public Library.

Selectman Bresnahan suggested that only this current fiscal year be discussed in order to expedite meeting. All agreed.

Mr. Madigan gave an overview of the situation, noting that since he has been here the Highway department had been told to keep the walkways clear at the Library. Per the Highway personnel, they were told by the custodian that it was his responsibility to clear the walkway. Mr. Madigan spoke with the Director of the Library and wanted a clear directive from the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. McGuane stated that in 1992 the BoS and Library Trustees had reached an agreement that the snow clearing of the Library would be handled by the DPW. \$1,600 was removed from the Library budget at that time. There has been occasions when the Library has called their custodian company to shovel snow but they are charged \$100 per occurrence. Mr. McGuane noted this is not part of the custodian contract.

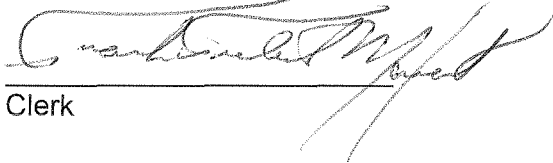
After additional discussion, Selectman Fay motioned that the Board of Selectmen direct the DPW to provide for snow removal for this fiscal year and next fiscal year look at it again in the budget cycle. 2nd Selectman Bresnahan. Vote 4-0 motion passed.

It was agreed that the first priority of the Highway department was the roads. The Library has a policy that if there is no school then the Library is closed.

8:50 a.m. Motion to adjourn by Selectman Fay, 2nd Selectman Bresnahan. Vote 4-0 motion passed.

Submitted by:
Jane Witherow

Approved by Board of Selectmen


Clerk