

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 3, 2000
Ayer Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Hall, Main St., Ayer, MA**

7:00p.m. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Bresnahan, Selectman Sullivan and Selectman Pena.

The Minutes of Nov. 29 were amended and approved as stated.

Town Crier Announcements:

-Chairman Bresnahan opened the meeting by reading the Parking Ban into the record from Nov. 30, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

-Chairman Bresnahan welcomed Rep. Hargraves and Ron Englade to the meeting who will be conducting Office Hours this evening at the Town Hall from 7-8pm welcoming residents to come in and meet with Ron Englade re: questions or concerns they may have.

-Chairman Bresnahan announced the Historical Commissions Meeting 1-21-00 at the Police Station Community Room starting at 7pm. and Planning Board Meeting this Thursday, 1-6-00, At 7pm re: Guilford at the Ayer Town Hall Room #7.

Public Input: Chairman Bresnahan requested if there was anyone who wished to speak under Public Input:

1. Lisa Gabree, re: Y2K and sewer rate issues. Ms. Gabree updated the Board as of close of business today no Town-wide problems were identified re: Y2K. Ms. Gabree stated that Public Health & Safety Departments were in a state of readiness on December 31st with employees covering and standing by for Y2K to include: DPW, Fire, Police, Schools and Town Hall. Ms. Gabree advised the Board to Town working Y2K issues for the past 18 months and expressed her appreciation to all departments for their efforts. Chairman Bresnahan on behalf of the Board again thanked all Town Departments for a smooth transition and applauded the great co-operative effort.

On another matter Ms. Gabree updated the Board to Sewer Relief Funding being approved for the Town in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the Oakridge Drive Project. The Board thanked Ms. Gabree for her successful application to DOR-Debt/Sewer Certified Project Funding. Selectman Sullivan moved to approve the Project Award and Chairman's endorsement to application 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous.

2. Frank Maxant, re: the Pleasant Street School-Mr. Maxant stated he would join in on the Pleasant Street School discussion when it came up later in the meeting.

Chairman Bresnahan called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board approve the Agenda as amended, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ayer Housing Authority-Devens Housing Update

The Board met with Robert Moore, Judy Pinard, Lori Ernst, Peter Johnston and Shaun Suhoski. Mr. Moore opened the discussion by advising the Board to Ken Martin, Director of the Housing Authority being unavailable this evening due to being out of the area. Mr. Moore stated the Ayer Housing Authority's interest with obtaining affordable housing on Devens stating presently there is a 5-10 year waiting list in the Town of Ayer and a huge demand. Selectman Pena advised the Housing Authority to 283 total units being made available on Devens and of 25% percent of these units being distributed to the communities-of which Ayer's portion would be approximately 9.5% or 38 moderate income units. Mr. Kreidler to meet with Mr. Martin later this week prior to the next JboS Meeting scheduled for 1-12-00 at 7pm at the Devens Commerce Ctr. to review the criteria prior to Mr. Martin speaking with Victor Norman -Devens Project Manager re: Ayer's demonstrated need for affordable housing.

2. Ayer Park Dept. -Acceptance of Deed/Felch Trust

The Board met with Marvin McMiller-Park Director. Mr. McMiller requested the Board's signature on acceptance of deed of land at Pirone Park presently used as a right-of-way by the Park Dept. which has been donated to the Town of Ayer by the Felch Family. Mr. McMiller advised the land being cleared by DEP of any contamination and deed approved by Town Counsel. Mr. McMiller requested abatement on the outstanding R.E. taxes of approximately \$100.00. Selectman Sullivan moved the Board accept the gift of land by the Felch Family Trust at Pirone Park (south side of Tannery St.) and to allow the abatement of

6. The Board advised to MassDev. Not scheduling any meetings during the holidays re: downtown Devens but of concerns raised by Ayer Business Alliance and Selectmen being prepared.

7. Police Chief: Patrolman vacancies discussion.

The Board met with Chief Rizzo re: vacancies in Department due to resignations of Patrolmen Hoffman and Harty. The Chief recommended Mathew Callahan of Ayer, MA be appointed Patrolman. Chief Rizzo advised the Board to Mathew Callahan currently a full-time patrolman in the Boxborough Police Dept. Selectman Sullivan moved to approve the Chief's recommendation and appoint Mathew Callahan to the position of patrolman in the Ayer Police Dept. contingent upon successful completion of a physical examination by Town Physician. Mr. Callahan to be hired at Step 2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, first day of employment to be determined by the Chief of Police, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous.

On another matter the Board held off the 2nd patrolman's appointment of Reserve Officer/Telecommunication Operator John McDonald until further review of the Department's Fy-00 Budget.

8 Town Administrator's Report

1. The Board reviewed the Police Chief's recommendation re: Hatch St. no parking sign request for corner of Littleton Rd and Hatch St. and moved to deny the request based upon the Chief's recommendation.
2. The Board reviewed the Personnel Policy Revision presented by the Personnel Board-Chapter 12 Problem Resolution.
3. The Board reviewed Town Counsel's recommendation re: the Historical Commission's authority to lease the Pleasant St. School. Frank Maxant, Chairman of the Historical Commission sat in for the discussion.
4. Mr. Kreidler announced the Devens Schedule of Meetings with the Board.
5. The Board reviewed with Mr. Kreidler requests for space re: the former Police Station in the Town Hall and costs associated with rehabilitation.

11:05 Selectman Sullivan moved to adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B re: Exemption #6, 2nd by Selectman Pena, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

11:05 Open Session ended

Date: _____

Cornelius F. Sullivan, Clerk