

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 9, 1998
2nd Floor Meeting Hall
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, MA

7:00p.m. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Norstrom, Selectman Hamel and Selectman Bresnahan.

The Minutes of 2-23-98 were read and accepted.

Town Crier: Chairman Norstrom made the following announcements:

1. Tuesday, March 10, 1998-5:00p.m. The Open Space Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Devens Conference Center.
2. Wednesday, March 11, 1998 from 5:30pm to 7:00 the Chamber of Commerce will be conducting their Business after Hours Conference at the Devens Conference Center.
3. Thursday, March 12, 1998, SHAVE candidates will be meeting with Departments Heads at the Ayer Town Hall at 10:00a.m.
4. Saturday, March 14, 1998 at 12:00 noon Senator Durrand will be conducting the Community Preservation Seminar at Fruitlands Museum in Harvard.
5. Monday, March 16, 1998 at 7:00pm The Personnel Board will be meeting with the Selectmen.
6. Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 7:00pm 2nd Floor Meeting Hall-the 4th of July Committee/98 will be meeting-and welcoming new members to join them.
7. The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Monday, March 23, 1998 at 7:00p.m.
8. Chamber breakfast meeting Wednesday, March 25, 1998 7:30am North Middlesex Bank
9. Family Concert, Saturday, March 28, 1998, at 3:00pm sponsored by North Middlesex Savings Bank.

Public Input: Chairman Norstrom requested if there was anyone present wishing to meet with the Selectmen, no one stepped forward.

Chairman Norstrom announced that new lighting has been addressed by the Board re: Main Street, and with the assistance of the DPW and Fire Dept. new ballast's and globes were ordered and tried out last week but unfortunately the ballast's did not fit and had to be re-ordered. The new globes and ballast's will enhance the lighting on Main St. .

Chairman Norstrom announced to the viewing public that a new commuter parking lot has been developed on Park Street across from LaSita Restaurant with twenty parking spaces available for parking. The lot is open and marked off.

Chairman Norstrom took this opportunity to publicly thank PACE for all their assistance with the Public Hearing conducted on 2/25/98 especially Lori Nehring and Janet Keating Connolly, as well as those individuals responsible for the mailing of the flyer which was distributed to every home in the Town of Ayer, David and Elizabeth Bodurtha, Jim Connolly, Frank Maxant and Ann Salmon.

The Board read into the record the resignation of Russell Norstrom from the Park Dept. do to health reasons. The Board thanked Mr. Norstrom for his many years and dedication to the Park Dept. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the resignation of Russell Norstrom from the Park Dept with regrets, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Norstrom called for a motion to accept the agenda. Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the Agenda of March 9, 1998, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Norstrom announced the cancellation of Council on Aging from the Agenda due to no show. Chairman Norstrom on behalf of the Council on Aging announced the

Council's St. Patricks Day Luncheon at the site on Pond St. starting at 12:00 noon and invited all Town of Ayer senior citizens to the luncheon. Price \$2.50 call in your reservation to 772-8261.

The Board met with Gabe Vellante, Building Commissioner re: the Town adopting a new Building Permit Application Fee Policy. Mr. Vellante presented the following new fee schedule to be adopted:

Application Fees: New House: establish \$50.00 fee.

Commercial or major additions or estimated permit fee value of \$500 and above, establish a 10% building application fee, Commercial renovations or estimated permit fee value of \$150.00 and above establish a 10% building application fee. Additionally establish a fee re: real estate brokers certifications of \$50.00 to cover the cost of inspections by inspectors.

The Board took this request under advisement pending a Public Hearing to address the establishment of Building Fees by the business community, contractors and residents to comment on.

Supt. Girouard's Report: see report dated March 6, 1998.

Action Items:

1. The Board approved a change order for \$1,325.00 to install a suspended ceiling in the lab/office and restrooms in the Grove Pond Treatment Facility. Motion made by Selectman Hamel, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
2. The Board awarded the contract for the street light repair (2 lights) on West Main Street and Park Street to MASS BAY Electrical Co. for a award of \$4,180.00. Selectman Hamel moved the award, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan. VoTE: unanimous, so moved.
3. Supt. Girouard read into the record a statement presented to the Ayer Planning Board pursuant to the ACO mandated by DEP in 97 due to the Treatment Plant being at or over 80% flow capacity. Supt. Girouard announced that Hoyle Tanner is currently working at addressing a mechanism to incorporate this program with the Departments permitting process. Before any new connections can be allowed into the system there must be removal of Infiltration and Inflow from the sewer system at a ratio of four gallons of I/I for every one gallon of new flow (4:1). The Board took this matter under advisement until the 23rd of March when HTA is scheduled to meet with the Board to address this matter.
4. The Board moved and approved a five year Lease Purchase of a 98 Elgin Sweeper pursuant to the Com. of Massachusetts State Bid award-funding to be from Chapter 90 in the amount of \$90,476.00 less trade in value and other optional features. Motion made by Selectmen Hamel 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan. VOTE, unanimous.

The Board met with James and Marsha Januskiewicz and Richard Elliott regarding the approval from the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) on March 3, 1998 of the Transfer of Alcohol License for LaSita, Inc. Park St., Ayer, MA from Richard Elliott to the Januskiewicz's. The Board congratulated Mr. & Mrs Januskiewicz and wished them much success with their new business. A new license to be readied incorporating the new ownership into the records.

Town Administrator Report:

1. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the School Committee submitting written notice of their intent to place a 2 1/2 override Ballot question on the Town Election Ballot for the Election on April 27, 1998. The Board questioned why the Selectmen would act upon this stating the School Committee can request this action without the Selectmen's endorsement.
2. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to DEP approving the amendment to the Water Withdrawal Consent Order for the one (1) month extension; from June 1998 to July 1998.
3. The Board reviewed the Administrative Consent Order re: wastewater. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the outstanding issues and obligations to the Town due to non compliance caused by vacancy of Superintendent of Public Works with no criticism to the

Board having had unforeseen resignations of two prior superintendents and of monitoring deadlines not being met and the town being party to separate ACOPs/water/wastewater. The Board took this matter under advisement pending meeting with HTA, the Town's consultant on 3/23/98.

4. The Board was updated to the Landfill remediation at Shepley Hill. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to BFI submitting a letter to Jim Byrne advising that ongoing discussions are taking place re: the disposal, transportation, and EPA figures for hazardous waste for estimating procedures and cost associated with the remediation.

5. The Board was advised to the Town Hall boiler needing to be replaced and of an emergency waiver being sent to DCPO requesting this waiver and of his success with receiving this waiver. Mr. Kreidler explained that a inspector from the Town's insurance carrier instructed the Board to shut down the boiler due to serious health and safety concerns. Mr. Kreidler stated he wrote the request for the waiver stating that a new boiler would be installed immediately. Selectman Bresnahan stated he was in the building at the time of the inspection and was aware of the seriousness of the matter. Mr. Kreidler stated he received quotes from two contractors for the replacement boiler and presented them to the Board. Shattuck Oil and McGuane Plumbing and Heating. McGuane's Plumbing was the low bidder. The Board moved to award the new boiler to McGuane Plumbing for a bid award of \$24,150.00. Selectman Hamel moved the award 2nd by Selectmen Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Kreidler under new business took Selectmen's questions prior to ending his report.

9:20p.m. Selectman Hamel moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23b, Exemption #3, 2nd by Selectman Bresnahan, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:20p.m. Open Session adjourned.

Date: _____

Paul D. Bresnahan, Clerk