

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 27, 1997
Ayer Library-Lower Level Conference Room
East Main Street, Ayer, MA

7:30p.m. Open Session

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

Chairman Miller opened the meeting by thanking the Ayer Library Trustee's for permitting the Selectmen to use the conference room for their meetings and reflected on the grand opening of the Library stating how expansive and articulately the building had been renovated. Selectman Hamel & Norstrom echoed the Chairman's comments. Chairman Miller announced the Selectmen's upcoming meeting dates: Feb. 10th & 24th, March 3rd and 17th, April 7th and 22nd, May 5th and 19th, June 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Public Input:

Chairman Miller requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard under Public Input. Douglas Freidrich requested to speak re: the Memorial Day Parade and Veteran's services and markers.

Town Crier: Chairman Miller made the following announcements:

1. The Deven's Enterprise Commission will be meeting on Feb. 6, 1997 at 7:30am at the Commerce Ctr. re: Permitting of applications, staffing and new developments.
2. The Ayer Police Explorers are conducting their annual Cadet Night at the Ayer High School auditorium on February 9, 1997, the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
3. Chairman Miller requested a moment of silence be conducted for Paul Tsongas in recognition of his contributions to Massachusetts.

The Board met with Douglas Freidrich who advised the Board to the Memorial Day activities taking place on May 22, 1997, the parade kicking off at 10:00 from Park Street and ending up- at Pirone Park. This year's parade Marshall will be Selectman Norstrom.

Freidrich advised the Board to the 28 Veterans markers being replaced in Town. Mr. Freidrich requested the Selectmen consider placing a literature stand at the Town Hall advising veterans to the latest changes in health care, benefits and services. Town Administrator James Kreidler suggested the Ayer Library might be a better place due to the restricted hours the Town Hall is open stating the library would be more accessible.

The Board requested Mr. Kreidler to check into this and report back.

Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the Bids being opened on Jan. 30, 1997 for the new Police Station and happy to announce the preliminary bids were on line coming in at \$2.2 million with the construction date slated for Spring of this year.

Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the Annual Town Report bid opening being conducted on January 24, 1997 and the Town receiving two (2) bids: Len Art Press: \$4,868.00 for four(4) color cover/700 books and William Brown Printing: \$6,000.00 for four (4) color cover/700 copies. Selectman Norstrom moved to award the printing of the Town of Ayer's 1996 Annual Town Report to Len Art Press of Ayer, MA for the Bid award of \$4,868.00 for 700 copies and a four (4) color cover, 2nd by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Kreidler presented the Board with a color photo of the new Police Station and suggested the Board consider using this photo for the 96 cover. The Board unanimously supported this suggestion. Selectman Norstrom requested the Board consider including a 125th Anniversary supplement to the 96 Annual Report. The Board moved to approve \$1,000.00 in additional funding for the 125th Anniversary supplement to the 1996 Annual Town Report along with the cover being of the proposed new Ayer Police Station. Motion made by Selectman Norstrom and 2nd by Selectman Hamel. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the Council on Aging meeting on January 7, 1997 and conducting their annual election. A motion was made and passed making Emily Butler and Mary Provost "Honorary Members". The Board requested letters of thanks be sent to Mary and Em for their years of loyal and dedicated service serving on the Council.

The Board met with Timothy Henzy Grant Administrator, re: his assuming additional responsibilities due to the present Economic Development Director being out on maternity leave for the past nine weeks. Mr. Henzy presented the Board a breakout of his hours spent on Economic Development issues. Mr. Henzy's breakout represented 5 hours a week for nine weeks compensation. The Board agreed to this request and moved to approve Mr. Henzy \$692.10 in compensation for his taking on this additional responsibility. Motion made by Selectman Hamel, 2nd by Selectman Norstrom, unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Henzy advised the Board to his revamping the Housing Rehab Program due to the MSCP Program not receiving funding for 1996. Mr. Henzy to meet with the Diane Sullivan and Mr. Kreidler re: redesigning the program.

The Board met with Chief Haapakoski re: the new proposed Ayer Police Department's Rules & Regulations. The Board set Saturday, February 2, 1997 at 8:00A.M. to meet with the Chief to review the new proposal.

Chief Haapakoski advised the Board to the oral board re: the Lieutenant's position being conducted last Saturday with the five candidates. The Chief stated the three (3) finalist will be available to meet with the Selectmen on the 10th of February for interviews. The Board requested the material presented re: criteria for selection be presented to the Board prior to the interviews. The Board requested letters of appreciation be sent out to all the Chief's of Police who participated in the selection process.

Town Administrator's Report

Action Items:

1. The Board was advised of the MOU re: Devens Relocation. The Board was advised to latest draft re: the local community being notified prior to local businesses meeting with representatives from Devens. The document serves to establish a five (5) day holding period prior to siting on Devens to protect Town of Ayer business stakes and allows for the Chamber of Commerce to offer to relocate business locally, recognizing the fine line that the businesses have the right to locate where they wish. Most importantly the document specifies that the Town will be notified when a local business seeks to relocate on Devens. Devens will do all the footwork for Town. The Board cautioned Devens not to undo all the years of negotiating-re: streamline process re: permitting

The Board moved to appoint Olga Pender to the part-time clerk's position at the Department of Public Works for twenty (20) hours a week at a hourly rate of pay of \$9.50/hr. Selectman Hamel moved to appoint Olga Pender to the part-time clerk's position at the DPW 2nd Selectman Norstrom, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board moved to have Town Counsel, Kopelman & Paige review the Hoyle Tanner Agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant entered into by the former Supt. of Public Works for \$5,000.00 without the authorization of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board reviewed water issues re: the valves at Grove Pond being connected to the Waste Water Plant. The Board after meeting with Rick Linde moved to approve funding not to exceed \$130,000.00 for the overall engineering of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Grove Pond Wells.

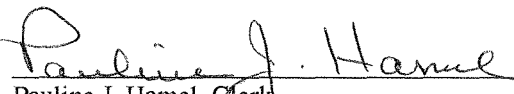
The Board took under advisement a possible Annual Town Meeting Warrant of \$500,000.00 for the construction work to be done to the plant and for the piping to link the wells with the new plant.

The Board approved two (2) Reserve Fund transfer in the amounts of \$4,850.00 for the Ayer Fire Departments Fire and Accident Policy and \$600.00 for the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Motion made by Selectman Hamel, 2nd by Selectmen Norstrom, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board was advised to the status of the Oakridge Drive Sewer Project and of David Ross coming on Board re: engineering services.

The Board was advised to proposal by Cellular One to test antenna on the towns new Stand Pipes on Washington St. for four (4) hours. the Town should the test prove to be positive could generate \$50,000.00 a year in revenue. The Board requested to have representative from Cellular One at the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss possible interference/frequency problems to Police Dept. and Schools.

9:15pm 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 re: pending litigation to adjourn to enter into another Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39 Section 23b, Exemption #3 re: pending litigation to adjourn only to enter into another Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23b, Exemption #6, re: purchase of land to adjourn for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting, 2nd by Selectmen Norstrom, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

 DATE: 2-24-97
Pauline J. Hamel, Clerk
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN