

Selectman's Meeting
Monday, November 4, 1996
Page School-Professional Development Room
Washington Street, Ayer, MA

The Board met with Chairman Miller and Selectman Hamel.

The Minutes of October 21, 1996 were read and accepted

Chairman Miller requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak under Public Input other than what was scheduled -the Debate sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce. No one stepped forward.

Chairman Miller called for a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Selectman Hamel moved the Board vote to accept the Agenda of 11-4-96 as presented, 2nd by Chairman Miller, Vote: unanimous so moved.

Town Crier

Selectman Hamel requested to speak re: the Special Town Meeting date of November 21, 1996 and the Ayer Gun Club Turkey Raffel being scheduled on the same date and unfortunately the Town Meeting could not be postponed due to the timeliness of the Nasoya Article, the Board extended their apology and stated it was not intentional.

Chairman Miller announced the resignation of Supt. Ouellette which was received earlier today. Chairman Miller read Supt. Ouellette's letter into the record. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the resignation of Supt. Donald Ouellette effective 11-27-96, with regrets, 2nd by Chairman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. Selectman Hamel reflected on Supt. Ouellette past three years with the Town being very commendable stating the Townspeople will sincerely miss him. Chairman Miller echoing Selectman Hamel's remarks and requested the Town Administrator draft a letter of appreciation to him.

Chairman Miller introduced Debbie LaPointe, Director of the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce to the viewing audience. Ms. LaPointe stated she was before the Board this evening to remind Town of Ayer residents to the Debate sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. LaPointe stated the debate would be conducted on 11-12-96 from 7-9p.m. at the Ayer High School - Laura S. Leavitt Auditorium-the debate will begin at 8:00p.m. residents may call in or bring in their questions from 7-8p.m. a telephone number line will be made available to residents through the media and on cable. Ms LaPointe encouraged all residents to attend this very important forum. Chairman Miller thanked Ms. LaPointe for coming in and conducting this informative forum and again encouraged all residents to try to attend or watch channel 8 stating the debate is going to be aired live.

The Board met with Chief Haapakoski re: Patrolman's appointment. The Chief stated he had six (6) qualified excellent candidates four (4) of which were interviewed. The Chief submitted to the Board a list of the candidates the top three (3) listed in order of preference. The Board requested this appointment be scheduled for the next Selectmen's Meeting on 11/25/96 to allow the Board to review the list.

The Board was advised to the Chief re-instating the Lieutenant's position by requesting the International Chief of Police Lieutenant's Exam be conducted and administered to qualified Ayer Police Officers with three (3) years or more service. The Chief to keep the Board advised to this process.

The Chief advised the Board to a Mutual Aid Article request being prepared for the Special Town Meeting re: The Town of Ayer and Devens and that he and Jeff Mulford had met and agreed to the scope of service to be provided-which the Chief presented to the Board for their approval. The Board approved of the Special Town Meeting Article to appear on the 11-21-96 Special Town Meeting.

Chief Haapakowski reviewed with the Board his request to compensate a Reserve Officer who was participating in the new Bike Patrol. The Chief stated regular Police Officers who are participating in the program are paid over time beyond their forty (40) hour week. The Board stated their concern with setting a precedent paying a Reserve Officer for the Bike Patrol and not paying another Reserve Officer for Foot Patrol. The Board stated the inconsistencies could create more problems. The Board requested this item be taken under advisement.

The Board reviewed with the Chief how the new Police Station was coming along. The Chief responded that the Station would not be needing a variance to the set back requirements due the building being moved closer to the street (Park St.). The Chief stated the Task Force met with the Architect and agreed to the change order.

PUBLIC HEARING: Common Victualler License-Subway Sandwiches and Salads. Park Street, Ayer, MA. The Board met with Mark Smith of 1 Park St., Leominster, MA

Mr. Smith stated he was before the Board this evening to request a Common Victueller's License stating he is the new sublessor for Subway Real Estate Corp.

Selectman Hamel read into the record the Public Hearing Notice which ran in the Nashoba Publications Newspaper the week of 10-30-96. Chairman Miller requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the License. No one stepped forward. Mr. Smith presented to the Board his Food Handler's Permit approved by Nashoba Board's of Health-Central Ave., Ayer, MA. The Board requested the hours of operation, Mr. Smith stated presently the shop would be open from 10:00am to 9:30pm, seven (7) days a week and that perhaps he would request longer hours depending upon the business's success.

Selectman Hamel moved to approve the license as presented, 2nd by Chairman Miller, VOTE:

unanimous, so moved. The Board welcomed Mr. Smith to the Town and wished him much success.

Diane Sullivan Economic Development Director's Report:

Ms. Sullivan stated she was before the Board this evening re: the Comprehensive Plan-Phase II the Bruce Campbell and Associates Parking Study. Ms. Sullivan expressed her concern re: the need for the final draft, and advised that the transportation improvements addressing specific safety improvements have been built into the draft. Selectman Hamel stated her displeasure with the study overlooking the benefit of McPherson Rd. for use as a truck pass as well as Carlton Circle not having traffic lights due to townspeople not wanting lights installed at the rotary. Selectman Hamel requested that these two areas be looked at again. Ms. Sullivan requested the comments also be requested back from the Police, Fire, DPW and Planning Board by 11/21/96.

Supt. Ouellette's Report:

Supt. Ouellette stated again for the record that he has officially resigned his position as Supt. of Public Works effective November 27, 1996, and that he will be off the next week using up unspent leave. The Board complimented Supt. Ouellette on doing a great job in the Town and that he will be missed. Supt. Ouellette reviewed with the Board "bullet" items needing to be addressed. Most importantly the Grove Pond -Design & engineering, the capping of the Town landfill and the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. Supt. Ouellette stated he would be more than happy to address this very important issue for the Board at the December 4, 1996 Public Hearing if the Board so desired. The Board again thanked Don for his commitment to the Town.

Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Kreidler reviewed with the Board the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Open Space & Recreational Plan from the Commerce Center. Stating the latest revisions have not been incorporated into the document. Fisheries & Wildlife a major player with regard to Conservation issues were also addressed. Mr. Kreidler advised the Board to the JBOS's unanimous vote of the MOU on 11-12-96; excluding the fees establishment- motion died 1-1 (Shirley & Harvard major players)- Lancaster's and

Ayer's exclusion from vote re: the original MOU due to non-participation in Re-Use Plan-was a major concern addressed by Selectman Hamel.

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The Board addressed their holiday meeting schedule and set 12-9-96 for the next Selectmen's Meeting and 12-23-96 for housekeeping items only. The Board voted to meet again on 1-6-97.

The Board reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant articles of 11-21-96.

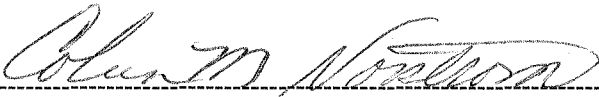
The Board set 11/25/96 to meet with the Three (3) Town Counsel candidates.

The Board was advised to the ten participants requesting into the SHAVE program and being matched up with Town departments. This list to be presented to the Board at the Selectmen's Meeting on the 25th of November.

Selectman Hamel advised the Board to a former Board of Selectmen approving \$10,000.00 of UDAG funds in 1992 (May 20) for School Regionalization, which was never utilized and stating a new task force has been established which she is part of and requested this \$10,000.00 be allocated to this new Task Force who is currently looking at Groton, Shirley and other surrounding towns.

9:05p.m. Selectman Hamel moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Chairman Miller, VOTE: Unanimous, so moved.

9:05p.m. Meeting adjourned.



Pauline J. Hamel, Clerk

DATE:

