

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1995
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM-TOWN HALL
MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:00p.m. Open Meeting

The Board met with Chairman Hamel, and Selectman Slarsky-
Selectman Miller delayed.

The Minutes of 3-13-95 and 3-27-95 were read and accepted.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved in the amount of
P/R: \$355,854.23

Chairman Hamel announced the cancellation of the Ayer School
Committee who were requested in to meet with the Board regarding
the School's FY-96 budget and enrollment at 7:00P.M.

Public Input: Chairman Hamel requested if there was anyone
present who wished to be heard-no one stepped forward.

The Board met with the Woodlawn Cemetery Company regarding the
repair and maintenance of the vault located at the Woodlawn
Cemetery. Present for the discussion were: Zelda Moore, Richard
Rakip and Clifford McNulty. Selectman Slarsky updated the table
to his earlier discussion with Mr. McNulty regarding repairs
needed to the vault and of being advised to the Town of Ayer
owning the land where the vault resides. Mr. McNulty presented
to the Board copies of the deed recorded with the Town Clerk and
a sketch of land denoting the Town's property lines. Selectman
Slarsky advised the group to the Town's budget line of \$750.00
per year for the maintenance of the cemetery's in Town. This
appropriation being for the care of the Veterans graves. The
Company stated they were before the Selectmen for the repair of
the Town's vault which is used by all the Town's churches. Mr.
McNulty stated the roof of the vault needs repair and the
carrying beam also needs maintenance. The roof is a slate roof
which the Company wished to keep for historic purposes. The
Board requested the Company obtain estimates for the repair to
the vault and to submit this estimate to the Board's secretary
for inclusion on the Town's Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board addressed the recent correspondence received by the
Selectmen's Office re: attorney representing a local business
which has fallen into lien re: water & sewer bills and of the
Town's intent to shut off services. The Board requested the
Supt. of Public Works along with the Town Clerk meet with the
Attorney and Business Manager re: setting up a consistent policy
for payments to be made. The Board wished to be kept apprised
of the situation and rescheduled a status report for the next
Selectmen's meeting.

The Board approved of the payment of \$254.70 to Pickett &
Miyares-Special Town Counsel for the Fort Devens Resuse Plan.

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Motion made by Selectman Slarsky, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

A resident requested to speak under public input at this time, the Board stated Public Input was conducted earlier in the evening and if he wished could wait until the end of the meeting to be heard. The resident chose not to wait.

PUBLIC HEARING: Fy-95 Water & Sewer Rates

The Board met with Supt. Ouellette re: the Department of Public Works proposal for Water & Sewer rates and fees.

Supt. Ouellette conducted an overhead presentation re: the proposed Water & Sewer Rates for the Town of Ayer. Supt. Ouellette recommended the following:

No new rate increases for Water & Sewer proposed for this new year by the Supt. RESIDENTIAL: WATER RATE (REMAIN THE SAME) \$.90

COMMERCIAL: " " " " " \$1.60

sewer rate to remain the same: residential/commercial: \$2.00

WATER/SEWER FEES TO BE INCREASED: (SEE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATION)

The Board approved the Water/Sewer Fees recommended by the Superintendent with the following requests: The Superintendent to review with Town Counsel the two (2) by-law requests re: tampering with water meters and unauthorized hydrant use. The Board requested the Superintendent increase the Fire Service Fees to:

4"	4,000
6"	6,000
8"	8,000
10"	10,000
12"	12,000

and to reduce the sewer connection application fees from \$1,000 to \$500.00. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board approve the fee increases as amended by the Board pending clarification by from Town Counsel, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

PUBLIC HEARING: Class II License-Peter LaMountain D/B/A Town Line Auto Sales-99 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer, MA

The Board met with Mr. LaMountain. Selectman Slarsky read into the record the legal notice published in the Nashoba Publications the weeks of March 29 and April 2, 1995. Chairman Hamel requested if Mr. LaMountain had held a Class II License prior to this request. Mr. LaMountain stated this would be his first such license. Mr. LaMountain stated he had made himself familiar with Chapter 140 of the Mass. General Laws. Mr. LaMountain stated he was requesting permission to conduct this business for the resale of up to twelve (12) vehicles to be located on the site. Mr. LaMountain stated he would be putting down a asphalt or concrete foundation for the vehicles to be placed on and that the area would be fenced in. Selectman Slarsky requested Mr. LaMountain get from the Building Commissioner the zoning approval for this

area and business. Chairman Hamel requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against this petition. No one stepped forward. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board approve the license contingent upon Mr. LaMountain complying with the four requests: fence, paved lot, only twelve (12) vehicles to be located at site for the resale of used automobiles-no repairs/body work to be conducted on premise, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

PUBLIC HEARING: Walter Godfrey-Goldstar Auto- 63 Park St., Ayer, MA. Selectman Slarsky read into the record the legal notice which appeared in the Nashoba Publications the weeks of March 29, and April 5, 1995. Mr. Godfrey stated he was before the Board this evening to request a relocation of his business from 63 Park Street back to his original place of business 63 Fitchburg Rd. Ayer, Ma. due to the present economic climate he needed to reduce his overhead. Mr. Godfrey stated he would also be reducing his stock from seventy five (75) vehicles to twenty five (25). Selectman Slarsky stated he was familiar with the business and the site and moved the Board approve the request for a relocation of his business and well as the reducing in vehicles to twenty five at 63 Fitchburg Rd. 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with the Ayer Park Department Commissioners re: the maintenance building located at Pirone Park and staffing of the Park Dept. office.

Present for the discussion was: Marc Donell, Anne Drapeau and Director Marvin McMiller. Mr. Donell stated he was before the Board this evening to seek assistance and guidance regarding the repair and utilization of the Park Dept. Bldg. at Pirone Park. Mr. Donell stated the building needed repairs to the bath rooms and bubbler. The Commissioners on long term use wished to utilize the building for storage and possible meeting purposes. The Board suggested the Commissioners get a cost estimate, which should be kept simple, from an architect for Phase I design work. The Park Department could then seek a special article on the Annual Town Meeting for the repair and maintenance of the building and grounds. The Park Dept. were advised to the last day of submission for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles being April 25, 1995.

On another matter the Park Commissions advised the Board to the work load for this years program being tremendous due to the Department taking on Fort Devens children. Mr. Donell stated the Commissioners have been inundated with work regarding running the programs and need more assistance. The Board requested the Park Department contact new residents in Town by sending out letters of welcome and requesting their assistance. Mr. Donell requested the Park Dept. be enlarged to a five (5) member Department from a three (3) member department. The Board suggested Town Counsel be

contacted re: what would be involved with such a request. William Oelfke suggested the DPW be contacted re: taking on some of the maintenance problems at the park.

SUPT. OUELLETTE'S REPORT: see report dated 4-10-95

1. The Board was advised to the street sweeping being conducted throughout the Town.

2. Roads Corp. to begin final repaving on Central Ave. the week of April 18, 1995. The Board requested Roads look into making additional parking spaced available behind the Town Hall to comply with ADA requirements as well assist Town Hall personnel with parking arrangements.

3. The Board was advised to the Transfer Station being closed on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1995.

4. The Board was advised to Richard Coke beginning work at Grove Pond bulldozing the site and of his outstanding performance at the site. The regrading of the whole site is underway.

5. The Board was advised to Mass. Installation completing the installation of the new water meters throughout town. The total of 1,595 new meters were installed-with only 114 meters still needed to be installed. The Board was advised to DPW running out of funds and of being able to salvage the cost from the old meters which will reduce the uninstalled meters to 64. This 64 meter replacement to come from the DPW budget.

6. Town Counsel took this opportunity to thank the DPW again for the quick replacement of sign belonging to Gardner & Brown being knocked down by DPW personnel when working along West Main St.

7. The Board requested a meeting be scheduled with a major delinquent water customer as soon as possible. The Board requested Town Counsel be present along with the Supt. of DPW and the Town Clerk or Treasurer.


8. The Board requested the brass marker at Connors Square be replaced. Supt. Ouellette stated he will contact the American Legion re: replacement.

Selectman Slarsky took this opportunity to personally thank the Board members past and present for the opportunity to work with them, stating he has enjoyed his tenure and has always strived for the best interest of the Town. Selectman Slarsky stated he would be making an announcement this Wednesday.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39 Section 23B re: a possible conflict of interest to adjourn and reenter into

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another Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39 Section 23B re: Fort Devens to adjourn and reenter Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

 Date: July 1, 1995