

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1995
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA. 01432

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

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

The Weekly Warrant was examined and approved in the amount of \$355,682.95.

The Minutes of February 27, 1995 were read and accepted.

Chairman Hamel requested if there was anyone present wishing to be heard.

Selectman Slarsky requested to address the Conservation Commission-Long Pond area.

Chairman Hamel stated the Board had placed an Emergency Executive Session on the Agenda this evening re: a Police Department investigation and the Chief's recommendation.

The Board met with Jane Witherow, President of the Ayer/Shirley Lions Club International. Mrs. Witherow stated the Lions have raised over \$12 million dollars towards eye research in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mrs. Witherow advised the Board to Sunday, May 21, 1995, being designated as Journey for Sight Sunday and requested the Board urge all citizens in this community support this charitable endeavor. Selectman Slarsky read into the record a Proclamation from the Ayer Board of Selectmen designating Sunday, May 21, 1995 as Journey for Sight Sunday in Ayer, MA. The Board wished Mrs. Witherow much success with the walk and thanked her for coming in to the meeting.

Selectman Miller reported to the Board that he had reviewed all 64 resumes received regarding the Executive Secretary's position and had selected his top ten (10) choices. Selectman Miller presented his list to Chairman Hamel. Chairman Hamel stated she also had reviewed the candidates and had selected her top ten applicants. Selectman Miller stated the Board when screening the resumes looked for strong Public Administration and Municipal Government experience. The Board agreed to meet later in the week to finalize the process.

Selectman Slarsky requested the Conservation Commission be contacted re: updating the Board to the Commissions progress with Weed Control Measures at Fletcher's Pond. Selectman Slarsky stating Town Meeting approved \$30,000.00 for the program and the Board would like to have a status report. Selectmen Slarsky also

requesting the Conservation Commission submit a monthly report on their deliberations with Groton regarding the possible land acquisition around Long Pond as Conservation land.

The Board met with Robert Hubbard, Economic Development Director. Mr. Hubbard advised the Board to the success of the Jr. High School Program conducted earlier in the day. Mr. Hubbard elaborated on the day's activities commencing with a bus tour of the Town of Ayer specifically looking at new development, historical areas of Town, industrial development and conservation. Mr. Hubbard stated the tour was a product deriving from the Comprehensive Plan task force meeting to involve the school and students with the Town's planning. The students reaction to the tour was very positive and the feedback encouraging.

On another matter Mr. Hubbard stated he was before the Board this evening regarding receiving guidance regarding the Board's consensus toward applying for and receiving assistance for renovation of the Town Hall and possibly the Pleasant Street School. Mr. Hubbard stated if the Town approves of the construction for a new police station the Town Hall would need renovation to free up additional office space. Mr. Hubbard stated he wished to received guidance prior to commencing the required paperwork. Selectman Slarsky stated the grants would require up to 50% of matching funds. The Board should look at the building we are presently in before expanding the renovations to include another building. Mr. Hubbard stated he was trying to fit both projects together for a space needs analysis. Chairman Hamel stated the Historical Commission could and would apply for their own grant under the State Historical Grant Program. Mr. Hubbard stated he felt it would be more beneficial for the Town to go for both renovations due to the competitiveness of the program for funding. The Pleasant Street School is more of a risk presently requiring much more structural assistance than the Town Hall. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board eliminate the Pleasant St. School from the Town's request for assistance and have the Historical Commission seek their own funding, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Hamel announced Representative Hargraves office hours this evening and advised residents to telephone number to speak with the representative.

The Board met with Mark Velardi re: a Limousine License. Mr. Velardi stated he had met with the Zoning Board of Appeals and had received approval for a home occupation for a limousine service/transportation service at 71 Sandy Pond Rd. The Board stated the Town of Ayer does not have jurisdiction with a Limousine Service only taxi licenses. This service in which Mr. Velardi is requesting is specifically for Limousine and the Board would not have jurisdiction with this form of business. The

Board requested Mr. Velardi contact the State Dept. of Transportation for a ruling and submit back to the Board a written statement from the Department of transportation stating their approval of such a business.

The Board advised the residents to meetings with the Town's Police, Fire and DPW re: Fy-96 Budget and capital requests going very well and discussions re: Union negotiations were underway.

SUPT. OUELLETTE'S REPORT: See report dated 3-27-95

1. Supt. Ouellette submitted to the Board three revised letters by Town Counsel re: unpaid water/sewer bills, to be sent out to overdue/delinquent customers. The Board reviewed with Supt. Ouellette the delinquent water/sewer uncollected accounts report. The first letter presented represented shut off of service within 36 hours of letter. The second letter presented represented tenant/owner properties, and the third letter presented was re: a private business/nursing home. The Board requested the Dept. of Public Health be contacted re: regulations having to be followed re: relocation of patients prior to shut off and of subsequent liability to the Town. Mr. Ouellette stated the report depicted accounts/abusers over two years old. The Board requested process used by DPW re: late bills. Supt. Ouellette stated delinquent customers were sent out warning in six months and if not paid would go on lien after one year. The Board considered having the names of delinquent customers published in the paper and a more detailed report distributed for Town Meeting. Selectman Slarsky requesting the Town to accommodate people who are attempting to pay but who are in a financial hardship, by setting up a payment plan, each on a case by case basis. The Board approved of the letters to be mailed along with the Town's policy and payment criteria to each of the delinquent customers. Selectman Slarksy moved the motion 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Supt. Ouellette announced to the Board his unavailability for March 28, 29, 30 & 31 re: his attendance at the DPW seminar in Florida.

The Board was advised to DPW beginning the street sweeping and clean up for the next two to four weeks.

The Board approved of ten (10) water and sewer connections for Bennetts Brook, Littleton Rd., Ayer, MA

Supt. Ouellette advised the Board to water & sewer hearing being readied for the 10th of April.

The Board was advised to the Town receiving a "B" rating for the Town's recycling program. The problem area being the brush area not complying with the State quota. Supt. Ouellette hoping to

have this problem area rectified by this time next year.

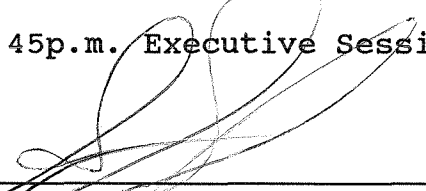
The Board was advised to richard Coke being hired to excavate/bull doze the Grove Pond Well area. Mr. Coke to commence work the week of April 3, 1995. The Conservation Commission issued a Determination of Applicability and approved of the filling in of the gravel pit.

The Board approved and awarded Hoyle Tanner the Waste Water Pretreatment Program. Selectman Slarsky Moved the approval, 2nd by Selectman Miler, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board was advised to Roads Inc. coming back in to complete the final pavement the week of April 15, 1995. The Board approved of home owners wishing to contract with Roads to have their driveways finished. Supt. Ouellette stated Roads is planning to open a small office in Town for this additional work, once he has a telephone number and address he will advise the residents.

8:45p.m. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39 Section 23B re: Education Reform to adjourn and enter into another Executive Session pursuant to MGL, Chapter 39, Section 23B re: Housing to adjourn and enter into another Executive Session pursuant to MGL chapter 39, Section 23 B re: Police Chief's recommendation to adjourn and reenter Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous

8:45p.m. Executive Session



Stephen M. Slarsky, Clerk
OVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date: 4/10/95

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