

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 6, 1995
2nd Floor Meeting Room
Town Hall, Main St., Ayer, MA.

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 following amount: P/R: \$59,930.25 EXP: \$345,633.73

The Board requested if there was anyone present wishing to be heard.

Cynthia Kollarics of the Groton Conservation Commission requested to speak regarding Groton's Conservation Commission submitting a GIS of the proposed Conservation Land Expansion for the Towns of Groton and Ayer's consideration. Points of interest of pristine land included Rocky Hill northeast of Long Pond as well as rocky ledges/wetlands. Ms. Kollarics stated the Groton Commission conducted a national resources review in the 1980's.

Selectman Slarsky stated what ever the Towns can do for the area would be in the best interest of both communities stating he would like to see most of that track placed under Conservation Land. Selectman Slarsky stated he had received requests from citizens interested and offering their service for this project, Barbara Mack and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Daudlelin. Selectman Slarsky stated he has recently received information from EOCD that there is funding available for the purchase of Conservation Land which would be reimbursable up to 58% and matching funds of 42% by communities. The only requirement being that each community must have an Open Space Plan in place.

Selectman Slarsky stated that this project is neither pro or anti land development. No specific parcels have been identified and nothing is under agreement with the communities. Selectmen Slarsky requested both Ayer and Groton Conservation Commissions meet and review which parcels could be considered. A joint meeting date to be scheduled by Selectmen's secretary-Janet Lewis prior to the Board's next meeting of 2/27/95.

The Board requested letters be sent to the Daudelins and Barbara Mack re: thanking them and informing them of the Conservation Commissions next meeting.

The Board met with William Oelfke, Chairman of the Advisory Committee who introduced candidates Gloria Pendrake and James

Carrington to the Board. The Board requested both candidates give a brief introduction of themselves and reason why they wished to serve on the Advisory Committee.

Both candidates stated they were Ayer residents and have served on numerous Town Committees in the past and felt they could effectively contribute to this Committee. The Board welcomed both candidates and thanked them for their service to the community stating the role of the Advisory Committee being very important to Town finances. Selectman Slarsky moved to accept the recommendation of William Oelfke and appoint Gloria Pendrake of Pleasant St., Ayer, Ma. and James Carrington of Washington St., Ayer, Ma. to the Advisory Committee.

The Board requested the fy-96 Budget calender be re-distributed to them for review.

Chairman Hamel took this opportunity to advise the Board to a letter being received earlier in the day from Scott Dunn, the Board's finalist for the Executive Secretary's position. Mr. Dunn declined the position stating personal and professional reasons. The Board decided to re-advertise the position as soon as possible and to begin the search process all over. The Board requested an ad be placed in the Boston Globe Sunday addition and the Mass. Municipal Beacon.

The Board met with Rob Hubbard, Economic Development Director and John Columbus, MSCP Housing Co-Ordinator.

Mr. Hubbard stated he was before the Board this evening to update the Board on the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hubbard distributed to the Board copies of a hand out for the February 28, 1995, meeting he plans with all Town of Ayer Departments, Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Hubbard updated the Board to the plan being re-opened last October 1994, when the Board endorsed a contract with Vanasse Hangen & Brustlin commencing Phase I. The plan is being revised to include future growth & development for the Town of Ayer. Mr. Hubbard reviewed with the Board the implementation schedule for the next five months. Mr. Hubbard stressed the broad participation needed from all Town departments for the plans success stating the comprehensive plan will guide spending and planning decisions for the rest of this century and well into next.

The Board approved a CDAG Pre-Application Grant Request for Orion Park Realty Trust, 1 Orion Park Drive -Westford Road, Ayer, MA. for a sewer extension. Mr. Hubbard stated that this CDAG was approved by the Land Bank Granting Authority. Selectman Slarksy moved to approve the CDAG Pre-Application Request for Orion Park, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with John Columbus, MSCP Housing Rehabilitation re: MSCP FY-93 Program Amendment. Mr. Columbus stated Town Counsel has reviewed the technical assistance to be supplied by COG this conforms to what the Town currently has in place. Selectmen Slarsky moved to approve this technical amendment, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved the final quarterly report for the FY-92 Block Grant for the MSCP program Selectmen Slarsky moved the motion seconded by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved a grant application for a Farmers Home Admin. grant for the rehabilitation of six (6) additional homes to be utilized by the MSCP as another revenue source.

The Board reviewed the MSCP Citizens Advisory Committee applicants. Requesting consideration to be on this committee was Frank Maxant and Beatrice Briggs. The Board reviewed each applicants criteria. Selectman Slarsky moved the appointment of Beatrice Briggs stating her long time commitment to the Town of Ayer as Town Clerk and also for her knowledge of the program. Selectman Miller 2nd this motion. The Board requested Mr. Maxant be sent a letter thanking him for his interest in this position.

The Board met with Anne Karayianis, Vice President of the Greater Ayer/Devens Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Karayianis stated she was before the Board this evening to address parking concerns brought to her attention by merchants along Main Street. One problem being the 2 hour parking limit on Main St. not being enforced. Ms. Karayianis requested assistance with the Police patrolling and ticketing those violator and also of no signs depicting residents to the Town's municipal lot across from the Fire Station. Ms. Karayianis presented a sketch depicting a proposed diagram of down town Ayer. Ms. Karayianis stated both the Fire Chief & Supt. of DPW have reviewed the sketch depicting signs directing residents to parking in the Municipal lot. The Board expressed their concern re: unavailability of parking along Main St. and of problems in past with the MBTA parking area. The Board requested Rob Hubbard contact the MBTA regarding reopening discussion concerning commuter stops used as well as long term plans of the T's re: Ayer's commuter stop.

On another matter Ms. Karayianis addressed the Chamber's request to re-paint the East Main St. Bridge another color other than State Green. The Chamber's idea behind this request being to use the bridge as a "Gateway" to downtown Ayer. The Board requested a Public Hearing be called to get resident's input re: color. The Board set Feb. 27, 1995 at 8:00p.m. to address this request. The Board also requested the Library be contacted due to the proximity of the bridge and their new construction project.

The board met with Supt. Ouellette: see Report dated 2-6-95
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The Board addressed correspondence received.

1. The Board requested Atty Judith Pickett be sent a letter releasing her from her obligations as Special Town Counsel re: Fort Devens to allow her to accept a position with the Land Bank.

2. The Board instructed the Town Accountant to release Jack Berberians's check being held by the Town Treasurer in the amount of \$27,118.00 dated 1-3-95 submitted to the Town on School Payroll #95-27.

3. Supt. Ouellette was requested to respond to the 1995 TIP List submitted by MRPC. re: the West Main St. Bridge be a priority for funding in this year.

4. The Council on Aging request was approved for 4-29-95 trip to Marlboro, Ma.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn from Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B re: pending litigation, to adjourn from this Executive Session and re-enter into Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:30p.m. Executive Session



Stephen M. Slarsky, Clerk

Date:

3-13-95