

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1995
2ND FLOOR MEETING HALL
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 amounts: Expense: \$293,836.92
Payroll: \$ 46,169.97

The Minutes of December 5, 1994 were read and accepted.

The Board welcomed Representative Robert Hargraves to his new position as State Representative for the Town of Ayer and also Representative Geoff Hall for taking time out of their busy schedule to meet with the Board this evening. The Board stated their pleasure having the representatives present to discuss Town of Ayer projects.

The Board stated their dissatisfaction with the West Main St. Bridge being taken off the 1995 TIP and placed on the 1996 TIP. Selectman Slarsky elaborating that this project has been a top priority of the Board's since 1985. Chairman Hamel stated her displeasure of hearing about this postponement through the local newspaper and not from the State; and of her writing to Peter Donahue requesting an explanation. Representative Hall stated he would contact the MDPW Boston Office and request a report be submitted to the Town explaining the delay for repair. The Board stated their fear regarding structural damage and of residents being in danger using this bridge. Representative Hall stated his knowledge of another community in Massachusetts having also been delayed a year re: bridge repair and of the efforts of that community forcing the repair to be done as originally scheduled by aggressively pursuing the State Dept. Representative Hargraves stated his support regarding this effort promising to work closely and aggressively with Representative Hall to force the State to schedule this repair for 1995 as originally planned.

The Board was given an update by Representative Hall re: the Town's Early Retirement Bill proposed by the Ayer School Dept.-Rep. Hall stated he was still watching over this bill very closely but felt this bill did not have the support of the Governor's Office. The Board requested the Representatives support for the Town's recent grant request for matching funds for the construction of a new Police Station and also road projects. The Board thanked both Representative Hall and Representative Hargraves for coming in and meeting with the Board. Representative Hargraves stated he would be conducting

office hours at the town hall in Ayer on January 23, 1995 from 7:00p.m to 8:00p.m. in room #7. Representative Hall stated he has scheduled office hours for the month of February 1995 and would submit a calendar to the Board.

The Board requested if there was anyone present wishing to be heard. Selectman Slarsky requested to update the residents of the Boards meeting with Congressman Meehan on Friday, January 6, 1995 at his Lowell office and also to address the Town of Ayer DEC appointments.

Chairman Hamel called for a motion to accept the 1-9-95 Agenda, Selectman Slarsky moved to approve the Selectmen's Agenda as modified, 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved the CAC names submitted by Vicki Paret for the Mass Small Cities Program. Nominated were: Louise Naylor, Linda Garant, Graham Grallert, Jean Turra, and Colin & Veena Butler, all of the above people having participated in the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Selectman Miller 2nd the motion for discussion stating this appointment to be an advisory role only, so amended, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board met with Robert Hubbard, Economic Development Director, regarding introducing John Columbus, the new Housing Rehabilitation Co-Ordinator to the Board. Mr. Hubbard stated Mr. Columbus has completed his second week on the job and that Mr. Columbus's salary would be paid from MSCP funds. Mr. Columbus stated his three immediate priorities being:

1. To administer the program.
2. Explore additional funding sources for the program.
3. To develop and implement a Housing Needs assessment.

Mr. Columbus stated his present task being to ready the small office the program is currently using, for rehabilitation. Mr. Columbus stated the MSCP program would fund the additional renovation predicated by the limited office space in which 5 people work out of. The Board welcomed and thanked Mr. Columbus for coming to the Board's meeting this evening and wished him well with his endeavors.

On another matter Mr. Hubbard advised the Board to JBOS Meeting scheduled for 1-19-95 at Ayer Town Hall re: meeting with the Parker School representative relative to the Charter School proposal for the Fort Devens Elementary School. Mr. Hubbard stated the JBOS coordinator's will continue functioning until April of 1995. Mr. Hubbard advised the Board to a job description being presented to the Board regarding the role of the coordinators of Ayer, Harvard & Shirley being included in the packet presented this evening for the Board's review. The Board requested Mr. Hubbard contact the Parker School as well as the Ayer School officials regarding the role the school plays in this

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