

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1994
AYER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
WASHINGTON STREET, AYER, MA.

6:30p.m. Open Session

The Board met with Chairman Hamel and Selectman Miller, Selectman Slarsky delayed a few minutes.

The Board examined the weekly warrant and approved the warrant as follows: P/R: \$55,600.91

EXP: \$1,430,689.33

The Board met with Ted Januskiewicz Jr., Animal Control Officer. The Board reviewed with Mr. Januskiewicz complaints which had been filed in the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Januskiewicz reviewed with the Board the procedures which he follows regarding dog complaints. Mr. Januskiewicz discussed the complaints submitted to him from the Selectmen:

BEASLEY:

Mr. Januskiewicz stated he had thought that problem had been taken care of. Mr. J. stated he had been called back after the initial complaint and spoken with the owner of the dog who inflicted the injuries to the Beasley dog and requested the dog be restrained. Mr. J. stated he was not made aware of other incidents.

DEFORGE:

Mr. J. stated he had spoken with the two dog owners Mr. DeForge has complained about. Both dogs are neighborhood dogs. Mr. J. stated he had spoken to Town Counsel re: citing and fining the owners of the dogs but needed guidance from Town Counsel re: whether he could fine a dog owner for violation of the Town's Leash Law on hearsay. The Board requested Town Counsel be informed of this situation and requested to respond back to Mr. J.

LABBE:

Mr. J. stated he had never been informed of the nuisance calls from Ms. Labbe on Littleton Rd. The journal the Board presented to him this evening was the first time he had heard of the dog complaints. The Board stated most of Ms. Labbe complaints were called into the Police Dept.

The Board reviewed with Mr. J. the need to have a part time dog officer due his inability to handle a lot of the calls due to his working in the evening. Mr. J. stated his wife takes down the complaints called into his home and stated citizens expect

her to go out and handle the dog complaints..Mr. J. thought having a part time dog officer would not be a bad idea. The Board requested an ad be placed in the local paper as soon as possible.

Selectman Miller stated re: complaints called in Mr. J. should get confirmation that complaints have been investigated-follow up with both parties that situation has been resolved.

Selectman Slarsky requested the Dog Officer submit monthly reports to the Board of Selectmen advising the Board to his activity. The Board requested this report on the 1st of each month.

The Board addressed the posting of "No Hunting Signs" around Grove Pond. Chairman Hamel stated she has received complaints from area residents that hunters are shooting guns/rifles around Grove Pond and residents are fearful of the Town Park's proximity to Grove Pond. The Board requested Town Counsel investigate whether the Town could post "No Hunting" signs around Grove Pond due to the abutting land being privately owned.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Viola Barnes requesting to fill the unexpired office of School Committee man Steven Wells. The Board requested Ms. Barnes letter be sent to the School Committee for their consideration as well as letter to Ms. Barnes acknowledging her letter.

The Board moved to accept the recommendation of Supt. Ouellette and awarded the contract for the Water Meters to Mass. Installation for the bid award of \$188,633.00. Selectman Slarsky moved the motion 2nd by Selectman Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved of Supt. Ouellette request to meet with the Selectmen on October 31, 1994 at 8:00a.m. to review the various projects he has before him, i.e. Bennetts Brook, Water/Sewer Project Central Ave.-Park St. Water Meters, Grove Pond Treatment Facility etc. as well as to review the FY-95 budget requests re: the Special Town Meeting to be held in November, 1994.

The Board on another matter advised the Superintendent that he does not have the power to hire/fire DPW personnel which came about due to the recent laying off of John Dumas.

6:55p.m. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Selectmen Miller, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

6:55p.m. Meeting adjourned.


STEPHEN M. SLARSKY, CLERK

Date: 11/2/94