SELECTMEN'S MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1994 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

8:00A.M. Open Session

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

The Board met with Timothy Higgins-Town Administrator, the Advisory Board, Town Accountant and Department Heads of the DPW, Fire and Police, re: Status of Revenues & Expenditures and FY-95 Budget Requests.

Present for the discussion were: Advisory Board members: William Oelfke, Coleen Norstrom, Marion Smith. Town Accountant-Lisa Gabree and DPW Superintendent-Donald Ouellette, Fire Chief-Paul Fillebrown and Police Chief-Arthur Boisseau.

The Board requested a letter be sent to the School Committee advising the Committee that the Board of Selectmen voted to require that the School Committee submit a final budget request for Fy-95 no later than April 14, 1994 -one day after the next School Committee Meeting- stating that in the event that a budget is not received by this date, the Board voted that it would calculate a figure and insert it into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board requested each School Committee member get a letter and to copy Superintendent Warren. Selectman Jones moved the motion seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board voted in concert with the Advisory Board to postpone the Annual Town Meeting by five (5) weeks to Monday June 13, 1994, in the event that additional meetings dates are required, the meeting will convene on Tuesday, June 14th, and Wednesday, June 15, 1994. Selectman Jones moved the motion seconded by Selectman Hamel, Vote: unanimous, so moved. The Vote to postpone was based upon the belief that additional time was required in order to fully evaluate the impact of the new Education Reform Law and to allow the School Committee to complete its budget request and well as allow additional time for a response from the courts or State Legislature.

The question as to obligates the Town regarding educational issues came up and Mr. Higgins was requested to contact Town Counsel for a response.

The Board requested individual mailings go out to all Town of Ayer residents regarding the Annual Town Meeting to give advance notice of issues to be addressed.

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The Board held off the signing of the Town Election Warrant due to changes to the warrant.

9:00a.m. Chairman Slarsky left the meeting.

9:00a.m. The Board met with Donald Ouellette, Superintendent of Public Works re: the DPW FY-95 Budget.

The Board met with Chief Paul Fillebrown regarding the Fire Departments FY-95 Budget.

10:00a.m. The Board met with Chief Arthur Boisseau regarding the Police Departments FY-95 Budget.

10:30a.m. Selectman Hamel moved the Board adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

10:00a.m. Selectmen's Meeting adjourned.

Charles Jones, elerk AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN