

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1994  
2ND FLOOR MEETING HALL  
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. Open Session

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

The Minutes of December 13, 1993 were read and accepted.

The Weekly Warrant was examined and approved in the following amount: P/R: \$350,006.45

Chairman Slarsky requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard.

Supt. Ouellette requested to address the Board re: a water permit for CPF-Copeland Drive, Ayer, Ma.

Chairman Slarsky stated he had two (2) additional items he wished to address:

1. Locking of the front doors of the Ayer Town Hall
2. 1993 Report to the Governor/Ft. Devens Redevelopment Board

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to accept the Agenda of 1/3/94.

Selectman Jones moved the Board accept the amended agenda of 1/3/94, seconded by Selectman Hamel.

The Board met with Supt. Ouellette re: CPF requesting to draw an additional 250,000/gallons of water per day. Supt. Ouellette stated there would be no problem handling the additional draw to accommodate a change in the bottling process at the plant now that New England Shrimp is shut down. Supt. Ouellette stated in exchange for the water he would request CPF contribute towards a third new well at the Spectacle Pond Well Field which he projected would be at a cost of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

Chairman Slarsky stated the Board would have no objections to approving this request by CPF now that N.E. Shrimp no longer requires large amounts of water but as a condition CPF would have to agree to shut down operations immediately should there be a large fire in the Town.

Supt. Ouellette reviewed with the Board contingency plans in the event of a major fire/emergency, stating water pipes can be opened to Littleton or Fort Devens as well as Grove Pond Wells can be utilized as a last resort.

Supt. Ouellette on another related matter stated his problem with keeping the water at the standpipes at a significant level during

repairs to the Spectacle Pond Wells. Supt. Ouellette stated the Town's standpipes have been kept in operation much longer than their life expectancy and may be replaced at much less than the \$1 million projected. The Board requested Supt. Ouellette come back to the Board on January 18, 1994 to address capital expenses for the DPW along with his proposed FY-95 budget.

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion re: CPF's water permit. Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the Chairman's endorsement of CPF's water permit contingent CPF immediately shut down all water consumption upon emergency/fire request by Fire Department, seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

The Board reviewed with Supt. Ouellette the DPW's acceptance of waste oil at the Transfer Station. Supt. Ouellette stated the oil will be collected in 55/gal. self contained drums which are secure from weather. Collection to begin Saturday, 1/8/94 from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. This waste oil to be used for an oil burner to be placed at the DPW as a cost effective way to heat the DPW garage.

Supt. Ouellette as a last statement advised the Board that the Samsung is working great with its plexiglass plow during the recent snow storm.

Chairman Slarsky stated he has requested the Townspeople be advised as to why the Town Hall doors have been locked. Chairman Slarsky stated the doors have been locked as a precaution following town hall employees receiving christmas cards of a threatening nature. Chairman Slarsky stated in light of recent tragedy in a New Hampshire Town Hall which befell employees there, the Board requested all citizens with business at Town Hall pass through the Police Station. Chairman Slarsky stated he could not comment further due to the threats/cards being an ongoing investigation by local, state and federal authorities.

Chairman Slarsky advised the Town to the Board's receipt of the 1993 Ft. Devens Redevelopment Board's Report to the Governor stating this report will be made available in the selectmen's Office for anyone wishing to review it.

Chairman Slarsky stated he had received a anonymous letter, which he read into the record re: welcoming the Wampanoag Indian Casino on Fort Devens the writer stated the casino would create more jobs and help local businesses. Selectman Hamel stated a lot of people, including herself feel it would be good for the area. Selectman Hamel stated she has relatives living near the Ledyard, Conn. Casino and their comments back to her have been it's great for the area. Selectman Hamel stated Fort Devens's Re-Use Director, Brett Doney would be willing to charter a bus for area people to view the operation.

Mr. Higgins advised the Board that there has been no direct contact with the Native Americans and the Ayer Board of Selectmen, the Joint Boards of Selectmen have been aware of the Tribe's planning and Brett has been kept abreast of developments.

Selectman Jones stated there are always pros and cons to any operation such as this. The good effect would be to the local economy and the bad the traffic. Selectman Jones suggested Robert Hubbard the Town's Economic Development Direct contact the Tribe and pursue discussions.

Chairman Slarsky requested Town Administrator Timothy Higgins contact the Tribe and invite them to attend a Selectmen's Meeting and help the Tribe pursue their plan. Selectman Hamel stated when the tribe comes, Ayer could invite other local communities to participate.

Chairman Slarsky reminded the Board to Saturday, January 8, 1994 the Board is meeting with the School Committee at 8:00a.m. at the Town Hall.

The Board met with Town Administrator Timothy Higgins who introduced Lisa Gabree to the Board. Mr. Higgins stated Lisa interviewed for the Town Accountant's position and met with James Guisti, the Town's auditor and himself. Mr. Higgins stated Mr. Guisti and he conducted 8 interviews for this position and both he and Mr. Guisti recommended Lisa Gabree, of Pepperell, Ma. best qualified for the position.

Mr. Higgins advised the Board that Ms. Gabree is currently employed as the Town of Shirley's Town Accountant. Ms. Gabree is a graduate of Bently College, is a Certified Public Accountant and has experience as a municipal financial auditor.

The Board requested if Ms. Gabree had any questions or concerns re: the position. Ms. Gabree stated she reviewed all questions with Mr. Higgins and welcomed the opportunity to work for the Town of Ayer. The Board requested when she would be able to start work. Mr. Higgins stated he had requested Ms. Gabree begin on January 18, 1994.

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to appoint Ms. Lisa Gabree of Pepperell, Ma. to the position of Town Accountant in the Town of Ayer. Selectman Jones moved the Appointment of Lisa Gabree to Town Accountant effective upon her first day of employment, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** See report dated 1-3-94

**ACTION ITEMS:**

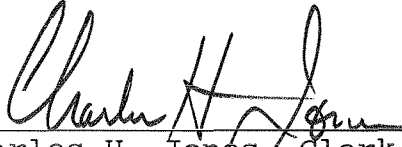
1. The Board reviewed the Library Trustees request of the Board to transfer UDAG funds in a show of support for the Library expansion project, and requesting a timely response so they may plan fund raising accordingly. The Board reviewed the draft UDAG allocation plan presented by Mr. Hubbard dedicating only 10% for public facilities projects. The Board requested Mr. Higgins invite the Library Trustee's to the next Selectmen's Meeting along with Robert Hubbard to fine tune percentage scales, and address priorities for UDAG funding.
2. The Board was advised to FY-95 Budget packets being distributed to all Dept. Heads, Committees, Boards & Commissions. Due Date back to Tim is 1/31/94.
3. The Board was advised to new Selectmen's meeting schedule being distributed notifying Dept. Heads to Boards new night being Tuesday commencing 1/18/94.
4. The Board was advised that the town was awarded funding under the FY-93 Community Development Fund in the amount of \$798,788.00
5. The Board was advised of EOCD support of the Town's decision denying funding to a applicant requesting funds from the program. (Avila)
6. The Board moved to allow the Chairman to sign off the closeout Agreement for Fy-91 MSCP Community Development Fund. Selectman Jones moved the motion, seconded by Selectmen Hamel, Vote: unanimous, so moved.
7. The Board was advised ~~of~~ House to vote on the F.D. legislation 1/5/94.
8. The Board appointed Julia McKinney of 50 Cambridge St., Ayer, Ma. to the Council on Aging per the recommendation of the Chairman, Hartwell Kidder.
9. The Board appointed C. Jane Witherow to the Ayer Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Liselotte MacMillian up until the Annual Town Election in April/94.
10. Mr. Higgins advised the Board to \$24,850.00 coming in from revenues for 1994 Licenses: Alcohol, Common Victualler, Amusement, Sunday Entertainment, Class I, II, & III. The Board was also advised to Karen's Licenses being held in obeyance re: her unavailability in area.

The Board was advised to the Police Chief being deleted from the Agenda re: New Police Station request, this matter to be rescheduled for 1/18/94.

PUBLIC HEARING: Common Victualler's License: Dino's 210 West Main St., Ayer, Ma. The Board met with Stephen Muth of Shirley, Ma. re: Dino's Breakfast & Bakery to be located at 210 West Main St., Ayer, Ma. Chairman Slarsky removed himself from all discussion re: this license due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Slarsky turned the table over to Selectman Jones to sit as Chairman re: this discussion. Acting Chairman Jones read into the record the legal notice which ran in the Nashoba Publications Newspaper the weeks of December 22 & 29 of December 1993. Acting Chairman Jones requested Mr. Muth tell the Board about his proposed business. Mr. Muth stated he plans to serve food and beverage similar to the Old Park St. Diner. Operating his business from 5:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. and gradually increasing the hours to a 24 hour operation. Acting Chairman Jones requested if he had received a Food Handler's License from Nashoba Boards of Health. Mr. Higgins stated the Selectmen's Office had received today a letter certifying that Mr. Muth had met all criteria re: his license and Nashoba was prepared to release the Food Handlers License January 4, 1994. Acting Chairman Jones requested if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the application. No one stepped forward. Selectman Hamel moved the Board grant the Common Victualler's License for Dino's Breakfast & Bakery located at 210 West Main St., Ayer, Ma., Seconded by Acting Chairman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

8:45p.m. Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn from Open Session and enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, section 23b re: Exemption #3 to adjourn from Executive Session and re-enter Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.

8:45P.M. Executive Session

  
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Charles H. Jones, Clerk  
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date: 1/18/94