

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1993  
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

The Board met with Selectman Jones and Selectman Hamel. Selectman Slarsky absent due to business trip out of town. Selectman Jones sat as Acting Chairman in Chairman Slarsky's absence.

The minutes of July 27, 1993 were read and accepted.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved in the following amounts: P/R: \$39,513.51  
Exp: \$290,115.16

Acting Chairman Jones stated the Agenda had been amended due to last minute cancellations.

Deleted from the Agenda was: Supt. Ouellettes Report, Daniel Sweeney-Bennetts Brook, and the IBPO Superior Officers Contract.

Acting Chairman Jones called for a motion to accept the amended Agenda, Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the amended Agenda for August 10, 1993, seconded by Acting Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous.

Acting Chairman Jones requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard by the Board under Public Input.

John Avila stepped forward, to state that he is appealing the decision by the Board of Selectmen made on July 27, 1993 to the Executive Office of Communities & Development (EOCD) rejecting his application into the MSCP Rehabilitation Program based upon the two findings of the Board submitted to the Grants Administrator-Vicki Paret as follows:

1. Being in arrears in his mortgage payment, and concern regarding foreclosure actions by Mr. Avila's bank.

2. The property will require a greater amount of funds than the per unit cap established for the program. The preliminary estimate prepared by the Rehabilitation Specialist indicated that the project would require over \$180,000.00 for the seven units. The per unit cap where asbestos or deleading is required is \$20,000.00 per unit; therefore, the maximum project cost allowed under the guidelines would be \$140,000.00 (\$20,000.00 x 7 units = \$140,000.00). Acting Chairman Jones stated the Board is not involved in the grieving procedures and that should be taken up with EOCD. Rules were adhered to by the Board.

Selectman Hamel took a few moments to advise the Board of recent matter that had come to her attention re: a recent newspaper article in a local paper entitled "Elders seek override of Weld veto on Public Housing mix". Selectman Hamel stated she had been approached by Elderly residents living at the Pond St. site re: the Governor's legislation approving the mixing of elderly residents with individuals (low income, disabled or other) at Elderly Housing complexes. Mr. Higgins had been contacted earlier re: this issue and prepared a response to this legislation. Mr. Higgins read into the record: The Ayer Board of Selectmen would like to go on record as being strongly in support of the concept of specialized housing for the elderly. Implicit in this statement is a recognition of the fact that the concept of "Housing for the Elderly" is jeopardized when non-elderly residents are permitted to occupy a substantial number of housing units. Mr. Higgins read further that the basic premise guaranteeing a reasonable quality of life for our senior citizens residing in elderly housing complexes is a moral imperative.

The Board agreed to the intent and requested letters be submitted to state reps, and the Governor opposing the mixing of the elderly with younger groups of people.

Acting Chairman Jones requested the Treasurer's Office be contacted re: poor policy of releasing checks without explanation when payment is far below expectation; and also check with other departments to see if this is a normal practice. Mr. Jones expressed his displeasure with this practice.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (see report dated 8-10-93)

1. The Board voted to appoint Ronald Hubbard to the position of Economic Development Director for the Town of Ayer, Ma. Selectman Hamel moved the appointment, 2nd by Acting Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.
2. The Board was advised of meeting conducted with Dr. Warren re: Education Reform and of \$217,000 shortfall in FY-94 School Budget re: high projections based upon tax levy/state aid figures for Town. Mr. Higgins advised the Board to meetings being conducted with the School to address projection.
3. The Board requested Mr. Higgins re-visit the screening process to see why the Fort Devens School was not included under the Town of Ayer's request for buildings. The Town of Harvard has formally requested this building. Mr. Higgins to contact the School Dept./Dr. Warren to work up a conceptual plan of use for the building. Selectman Hamel stated she hoped it was not too late with the projections of Ayer having an additional 5000 people new to area with the Fort Devens Re-Use proposal. Another school will definitely be needed. Mr. Higgins to draft response.

4. The Board was advised to no changes in the status re: the ambulance situation. Mr. Higgins advised the Board to Congressman Meehan being contacted/briefed on situation.

5. The Board was advised to the Patrolman interviews being conducted the week of 8/24/93.

6. The Board approved the mileage request increase proposed by Supt. Ouellette based upon DOR new calculations. The new mileage reimbursement to be \$0.27.5/per mile. Selectman Hamel moved the motion seconded by Acting Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

7. The Board approved a residential Water & Sewer petition for 160 Central Ave., Ayer, Ma. Selectman Hamel moved to approve the Chairman's endorsement of the petitions, 2nd by Acting Chairman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

PUBLIC HEARING: ALCOHOL LICENSE/WOO JUNG RESTAURANT 178 W.MAIN

The Board met with Atty. Jerry Benson and Manager for the Woo Jung Restaurant, Tok Sun Patterson of Shirley, Ma. Acting Chairman Jones read into the record the legal notice released in the Nashoba Publications newspaper the weeks of 8/3/93 and 7/27/93. Atty. Benson stated the applicant was applying for a Beer & Wine License for their restaurant, a family run business. Acting Chairman Jones stated he had visited the restaurant on numerous occasions and had received excellent service and food.

Acting Chairman Jones requested if there was anyone present to speak for or against the application. No one stepped forward. Acting Chairman Jones requested if abutters were notified of the Public Hearing. Atty. Benson submitted to the Board certified notices sent out to abutters. Acting Chairman Jones requested the hours of operation. Atty. Benson stated the restaurant would be open Monday through Sunday from 10:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. Based upon no objections and problems at the establishment Selectman Hamel moved the Board approve the Beer & Wine License application and submit the application to the ABCC for final approval, 2nd by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Higgins took this opportunity to advise the Board that the FY-93 Tax Classification Hearing is being scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 1993 at 7:30p.m.

The Board addressed the railroad tracks adjacent to Central Ave., Ayer, Ma. stating the area is full of junk, old refrigerators, tires, etc. The Board requested Mr. Higgins to investigate who is responsible? and possibility of having area cleaned up by summer hire workers at the DPW or the program sponsored by Bret re: inner city youths being requested for clean-up.

The Board met with Sean Farley and Robert Pedrazzi and Chief Paul

Fillebrown re: 1993 Fire Department Contract Signing. Mr. Higgins stated this is a three (3) year contract with 5% the BOSMIN8-10-93/PG.4

first year, 3% the remaining two years. All management issues were addressed and resolved. The Board expressed their gratitude for the spirit of cooperation exhibited by the Union and thanked them for again keeping the best interest of the Town at hand. Selectman Hamel moved the Board endorse the Fire Department Contract for FY/93-FY/96, seconded by Acting Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Hamel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Acting Chairman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

8:15p.m. Selectmen's Meeting adjourned.

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Pauline Hamel, Acting Clerk  
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN