

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1993
2ND FLOOR MEETING HALL
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN

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

Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting by amending the Agenda. The Police Union contract was deleted due to last minute revisions and substituted in that time slot the Street sign request submitted by Chief Boisseau (Myrick St.). Public Input the Board inserted the Transfer of Funds re: D.P.W. and Wiring Inspector's Appointment.

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to accept the Agenda as amended. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the Agenda as amended, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Slarsky took this opportunity to congratulate the Fourth of July Committee on an outstanding job. Chairman Slarsky stated he has heard nothing but rave reviews and again thanked the Committee for their arduous work and achievement bringing back a strong sense of community. Chairman Slarsky turned the floor over to Selectman Jones who Co-Chaired this event. Selectman Jones stated this indeed was a community effort which would not have been accomplished without the help of people like Pauline Conley who Co-Chaired this activity with him. Special thanks was given to John Conway who was in charge of the parade, the Ayer Fire Department- for the Fireworks, Paul Fillebrown Jr., Pete Johnston, Chief Fillebrown, the Police Department- Chief Arthur Boisseau, police surveillance & traffic, the D.P.W. Acting Supt. Robert Smith for the labor and set up, clean up, Don Davan who stayed the whole day assisting with activities. Beth Lewis for the childrens events/games/booths. Selectman Jones stated the list goes on and on re: citizens who were on the Committee from inception to execution. Selectman Jones went on to state the entire function was paid for through donations, again special thanks was given to large contributors: Paul Routhier, Gervais Ford, the Berry family, George Moore, Allied Systems and through activates such as the raffle, dance, & shirts. The Committee came through the entire event in the black and the transfer from the UDAG was not necessary Selectman Jones proudly stated. Chairman Jones stated to ensure the funding for future years a article should be placed on the Annual Town Meeting. This event ran approximately \$15,000.00 to put on.

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to appoint the same Co-Chairmans to chair next years events. Selectman Hamel moved the Board nominate Charles Jones and Pauline Conley to chair the 4th of July activities for 1994, seconded by Chairman Slarsky, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Mr. Preble presented to the Board copies of the microscopic analysis re: Spectacle/Grove Pond wells. Mr. Preble stated this analysis comprised of the second round of samplings conducted. According to DEP/Division of Water Supply requirements no further testing is necessary and both the Spectacle Pond and Grove Pond supplies meet the criteria that establishes them as not being under the influence of surface water as defined by the Surface Water Treatment Rule. The two unfiltered well samples were characteristic of groundwater. There were small amounts of sediment recovered from the filters and only a trace remained after floatation processing. There were heavy amounts of inorganic debris in the samples, extremely low numbers of biological organisms were detected. Filter samples included fine silt-like debris, iron bacteria was detected in two of the samples, although a nuisance does not represent a risk to public health. Chairman Slarsky requested all studies be stopped re: the Towns development of another well in the Grove Pond Wellfield until the Department of Environmental Protection DEP completes all testing on heavy metals detected in Grove Pond. Mr. Small stated the pilot treatment program should go forward due to the Town's only other water supply at Spectacle Pond being insufficient to handle the Towns demands. Selectman Jones stated the Town has more recently been able to keep Grove Pond Wells from being turned on due to the Towns two largest water users being eliminated. Selectman Jones stated his concern with the Town going forward with the pilot program to find out later the Town cannot reduce certain contaminants that Grove Pond shares with Plow Shop Pond the F.D. Landfill or other contaminated source. Mr. Small requested the Board consider that it takes up to five years to develop a new well plus the 400 feet of protected land surrounding the wells would have to be negotiated requiring an act by the State Legislature. Selectman Hamel requested the pilot program be placed on hold, freeze where the Town is presently until DEP/EPA catches up with their testing of Plow Shop/Ft. Devens as it may effect Grove Pond Wells, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board took this opportunity to congratulate two of the three Art contest Winners for the 4th of July Contest. Chairman Slarsky turned the floor over to Selectman Jones, Co-Chairman of the 4th of July Committee. Selectman Jones introduced John Metcalf 9th grade student at Ayer High School to the Board. John Metcalf was presented the 1st place savings bond in the amount of \$100.00 for his painting depicting the american flag. Selectman Jones introduced Lisa Wheeler, 10th grade student at Ayer High School, the third place winner of the \$50.00 Saving Bond for her painting of Mickey Mouse in Uncle Sam attire. Selectman Jones stated Kisha Bagley was unavailable due to being on vacation, Ms. Bagley was the second place winner of the \$75.00 savings bond for her picture of the Statue of Liberty in modern day garb. The Board congratulated all the winners and thanked them for their

participation.

Chairman Slarsky stated as earlier announced the contract signing had been rescheduled due to last minute changes and to allow Mr. Higgins time to review them.

The Board met with Chief Boisseau re: a request for two (2) signs to be placed on Myrick St., Ayer, Ma. Chief Boisseau stated he had received a request for the placement of two (2) street signs to be placed at each end of Myrick St., Ayer, Ma. warning motorist of a deaf child in the area. Selectman Hamel moved to approve the posting of two new signs on Myrick St., one at each end of the street, warning motorist of deaf child in the area., seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board reviewed a Reserve Fund request submitted by Town Accountant-Sharon Summers regarding settlement of Arbitrators decision/R. Staples. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the Reserve Fund Transfer request in the amount of \$1,590.24 to the DPW Salaries & Wages Account, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Jones requested at this time for the Board to reconsider the appointment of the Wiring Inspector's position. Selectman Jones stated the Board had not received reports updating the Board to a Town resident seeking this position. Selectman Jones stated this individual is very capable and willing to assume the duties of the Wiring Inspector for the Town of Ayer. Selectman Jones requested the Board appoint Wellman Parker as Wiring Inspector and appoint Louis Shattuck as Assistant Wiring Inspector, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous.

APPOINTMENT OF DPW SUPERINTENDENT: The Board entered into a discussion re: the two (2) candidates interviewed on June 29, 1993 seeking the Supt. of Public Works position. Chairman Slarsky opened the floor to nominations. Selectman Jones stated both candidates would perform well in the position. Mr. Ouellette has strong military background/experience and possesses an Engineers License. Mr. Harper has strong municipal background, is also a licenced engineer. Selectman Hamel stated Mr. Ouellette having been stationed at Fort Devens knows the Town's infrastructure. Mr. Ouellette is more than qualified to fill the position. Chairman Slarsky called for nominations: Selectman Jones moved to nominate Donald Ouellette be offered the position of Supt. of Public Works, seconded by Selectman Hamel. VOTE: unanimous, so moved. Chairman Slarsky agreed to meet with Mr. Ouellette in Mr. Higgins absence to discuss terms of employment. Chairman Slarsky stated should Mr. Ouellette not want the position the position would then be offered to Mr. Harper of Pepperell, Ma. The Board concurred. The Board requested thank you letters be sent out to the Screening Committee for their

valuable input screening the candidates.

The Board met with Acting Superintendent Smith, re: Bid awards: Mr. Smith requested the Board approve the following bids:

Transportation: (Ayer to Haverhill) Browning Ferris, Tyngsboro, Ma
\$153.08/round trip for loads of 80,000 lbs to
100,000 lbsGVW

#2 Fuel Oil: C.L. Lorden, Pepperell, Ma. \$0.45/gallon over
Boston Tank car price.

Solar/Rock salt: Eastern Minerals, Lowell, Ma. \$39.61/ton

Super unleaded gasoline: C.W. Lordon, Pepperell, Ma. 23.9/gal
over the Boston Tank Car price.

Uniform/Rug Rentals: Kleenit Inc., Ayer, Ma. \$8,268.00

Polymer #787: Allied Colloids, Suffolk, Va. \$2.00/pound

Chlorine 1 ton cylinders: Jones Chemical, Merrimack, NH \$0.18/lb

Potassium Permanganate: E & F King Co., Norwood, Ma. \$1.31/lb.

Sodium Hypochlorite: E&F King Co., Norwood, Ma. \$0.70/gallon

WWTP instrument maintenance: Fischer Porter Co., Danvers, Ma.
\$6,960.00

Selectman Jones moved th approve the award of the above bids per the recommendation of Acting Supt. Robert Smith, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board also approved the endorsement of Chapter 90 reimbursement request for \$49,745.68 for Groton Harvard Rd-Central Ave. to Washington St. leveling course and installation of the guardrail.

The Board was updated to status of work on Columbia St. The Board was advised to skim coat being put down on street to eliminate excessive dust & gravel. Paving to be completed later in month.

Selectman Slarsky advised the Board to more requests for ambulance service coming in from Fort Devens and of correspondence Chairman Slarsky initiated 7/13/93 to F.D. to curtail this situation.

The Board examined and approved the following warrants:

FY-93: expenses: \$397,774.15

FY-94: Pay/roll: \$41,801.36

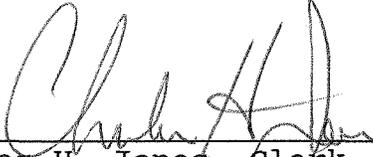
Fy-94: expenses: \$883.21

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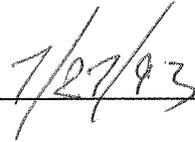
The minutes of 6-15-93, and 6-29-93 were set back for later review.

9:00P.M. Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:00P.M. Meeting adjourned.



Date:



Charles H. Jones, Clerk
AYER BOARD OF SELECTMEN