

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1993
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:00P.M. OPEN SESSION

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

Chairman Slarsky requested a Moment of Silence be conducted in remembrance of Liselotte (Lilo) McMillian, Town official and resident of the Town of Ayer who died in a fire in her home over the weekend.

The Minutes of June 1, 1993 were read and amended to reflect misspelling of name on page 4, Obertuck. Also Page 5. to reflect Abutters letter submitted for the Hearing objecting to the new J.O. pole to be inserted to Paragraph 7 re: speaking against the petition.

The Weekly Warrant was examined and approved in the following amounts: P/R: \$514,470.18
Exp: \$ 57,477.34

Chairman Slarsky called for a motion to accept the Agenda of 6-15-93. Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the Agenda, 2nd by Selectman Jones. VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman Slarsky requested if there was anyone present who wished to be heard under public input. Chief Paul Fillebrown stepped forward re: the Bid Opening and Award of a 1949 Chevrolet Pumper Truck and 1952 Dodge cargo truck.

Chief Fillebrown stated the Bid Opening was today at 4:00P.M. at the Ayer Fire Station. Chairman Slarsky requested the Bids be read and recorded.

1949 Chevrolet Pumper Truck: With 150 gpm pump, 500 gallon water tank, standard transmission 2 speed axle.

Six (6) bids were received:

1. Michael Gray, Ayer, Ma.	\$555.55
2. John Daoost	\$600.00
3. John Mayo, Ayer, Ma.	\$750.00
4. William Hillman, Westford, Ma.	\$ 5.25
5. Christopher Kelly, Groton, Ma.	\$465.00
6. H. Schwartz & Sons, Ayer, Ma.	\$1,138.00

1952 Dodge 6 cylinder 3/4 Ton Cargo Truck

Four (4) bids were received:

1. Robert Hillman: Disqualified: bids not in separate envelopes
2. Christopher Kelly, Ayer, Ma.: \$360.00
3. John Daoost: \$125.00
4. H. Schwartz & Sons, Ayer, Ma.: \$533.00

Chairman Slarsky requested Chief Fillebrown's recommendation, Chief Fillebrown recommended the Board award the trucks to the highest bidder in each category: H. Schwartz & Sons, Ayer, Ma.

Selectman Hamel moved the Board accept the Fire Chief's recommendation and award the two bids to H. Schwartz & Sons the highest bidder for the bid award of: 1952 Dodge: \$533.00 and
1949 Pumper: \$1,138.00

Selectman Jones 2nd the motion, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board took this opportunity to thank the Fire Department for the excellent job combating the fire on Maple St. and of the departments effort working under extremely hot and dangerous conditions.

The Board met with Vicki Paret of Communities Opportunities Group, Consultant for the Massachusetts Small Cities Program Grant re: the Loaves and Fishes component.

Present for the discussion: Reverend Philip Goff-Federated Church, Reverend Martha Gilthiam-St. Andrews Church and Joyce Paar, Secretary-Manager of Loaves & Fishes Program. Chairman Slarsky opened the discussion by stating the Loaves and Fishes Program was an extremely successful Program in the Town of Ayer. MS. Paret stated the purpose of the award was to provide food and other commodities, emergency fuel payments and emergency housing through a food pantry. Reverend Goff stated it is expected that as result of receiving MSCP funds, the organization will be able to increase the number of clients served and level of assistance provided. Ms. Paret reviewed the Agency's responsibilities with the Loaves & Fishes representatives. The Program (Loaves and Fishes) received \$18,000.00 broken out in four categories: Food Pantry: \$5,000.00, Fuel/Utility Assistance: \$4,000.00, Housing Assistance: \$4,000.00, and Temporary Emergency Shelter: \$5,000.00. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the Chairman to endorse three (3) copies of the Agreement between the Town of Ayer & Loaves & Fishes, seconded by Selectman Hamel, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: (see report dated 6-15-93)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The two (2) finalist for the DPW Superintendent's position, Mr. Ouelette of Townsend, Ma. and Mr. Harper of Pepperell to be scheduled for the Selectmen's Meeting of 6-29-93.

The Board requested thank you letters be sent to the Screening Committee Members thanking them for their participation.

Committee Members: James Coull, James Hashem, Joseph Wallace, and Charles McKinney.

4. Chairman Slarsky requesting Mr. Higgins contact the Assessors and request a detailed report on current status and to update the Board to their discussions with the Advisory Board re: Reserve Fund Transfer.

5. The Board expressed their concern re: the Ayer Housing Authority's reported project to provide shelter for Homeless at the Verbeck Housing area under the McKinney Act. The Board requested the Housing Authority director Ken Martin be contacted regarding this.

Selectman Hamel advised the Board of her activities as the Board's representative to the Joint Boards of Selectmen's Steering Committee re: the McKinney Act, created in the 70's before base closures. Selectman's concern being that this act could involve the army in acceptance of the Ayer Housing Authorities plan without consulting other sources in Town. Selectman Hamel went on to state while Housing for the Homeless is a worthy endeavor, what will the means be for paying for their new shelter, which Town will be responsible for educating their children. Selectman Hamel advised the Board to Verbeck Housing Area 90% vacant, Shirley Housing will be out/vacant by Sept. 93 leaving all of Harvard Housing occupied currently by military, Selectman Hamel feeling this leaves Ayer in very precarious position (see report dated:).

8. The Board was advised to Bldg. Inspectors position being advertised June 9, & 14 with closing date of July 1, 1993. Mr. Winchester-Part Time inspector has been assuming inspections until permanent inspector is on board. The Board requested other communities be contacted re: sharing services if Town is unable to find inspector.

9. The Board was advised to clerical support request from Brett Doney for the Joint Boards of Selectmen. Mr. Higgins advised the Board that Ayer & Harvard agreed to support the request-each absorbing 1/2 of the salary with Shirley & Lancaster supporting other activities. Chairman Slarsky stated that not much has happened and requested a report be submitted at the end of each pay period detailing assessment of activities.

The Board stated not many accomplishments have been forthcoming and we are where we were in 1990. Selectman Hamel stated it is very important that the Town attend meetings and be unified or something will happen and Ayer will be left holding the bag. The Board agreed to support this request but only for one (1) year. Chairman Slarsky called for a motion: Selectman Jones moved the Board transfer from UDAG the amount of \$9,750.00, for one (1) year, Ayer's share at \$187.00/wk or \$9,750.00 per annum. Seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved. The Board was advised to Harvard already transferring its share due to payroll being processed through the Town of Ayer.

10. Mr. Higgins advised the Board to part-time employees at the Transfer Station wishing benefits, (sick, vacation, health, retirement holiday pay etc.) this issue resurfaced over the Memorial Day Holiday. The problem being Mr. Pemberton receives sick days (6), and two weeks paid vacation under Supt. Redfield's policy. The Board stated there is no legal requirement that the employer offer benefits to part-time employees working less than twenty (20) hours a week. The purpose of hiring part-time employees is not having to provide benefits. On another matter the Board approved the closing of the Transfer Station only when the holiday falls on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. The Board requested a notice be placed in the paper alerting the residents of the closure. The only two holidays that would effect 1993 being the 4th of July and Christmas. Employees working the holiday to be allowed another day off in exchange.

The Board announced that after further review of NET/Mass. Elec. Pole Permit for Sedgeway that a continuation of the public hearing of June 3, 1993, was not necessary due to pole being placed on a private way.

The Board requested the Department of Public Works submit listing of summer help applicants to the Board.

The Board also requested Mr. Smith, Acting Superintendent report back to the Board with a date when Columbia Street will be paved.

PUBLIC HEARING: New England Telephone and Mass. Elec. re: Groton Harvard Road, Ayer, Ma. The Board met with Matt Hurley, Supervisor of Right of Ways-New England Telephone Co. Chairman Slarsky read into the record the legal notice re: the Public Hearing for NET & Mass. Elec. placed in the Nashoba Publications newspaper the weeks of June 2, 1993 and June 9, 1993. Mr. Hurley presented to the Board a plan depicting the request to erect three (3) new J.O. Pole on the West side of Groton Harvard Rd. to service a new housing development. Chairman Slarsky requested if their were abutters present to speak for or against the petition, no one stepped forward. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve the petition as presented, seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE:

unanimous, so moved. Selectman Jones requested of Mr. Hurley if the Street will be dug up again, Mr. Hurley stated no. Selectman Jones stated it is very frustrating when the road is dug up after new paving has been laid.

The Board reviewed the FY-94 appointments. Chairman Slarsky requested each of the Board members independently review the list and rescheduled the appointments for the next Selectmen's Meeting on June 29, 1993.

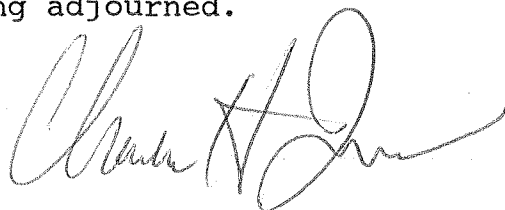
The Board met with Frank Maxant re: the Pleasant Street School request for UDAG fund assistance to provide for renovations to the northeast first floor classroom in order to provide a room for the American Legion Post #139 to use for their meetings as well for other Town organizations and eventually for use as a Town Museum. Mr. Maxant stated the Legion would provide the labor for the renovations. Chairman Slarsky stated the information the board had before them was outdated (1989) re: the bid from a local contractor. Selectman Hamel stated she reviewed the request personally and contacted the contractor and stated the numbers were still good re: the work and that this is a legal project under UDAG. The Board requested the Historical Commission come in with an updated written bid for work to be done along with one or two other bids and be able to respond if prevailing wage must be paid for work done and whether the states public building construction or renovation law must be complied with. Selectman Jones moved the Board take this matter under advisement pending more research seconded by Chairman Slarsky, Vote: Selectman Jones aye, Chairman Slarsky aye, Selectmen Hamel abstained.

8:30P.M. The Board called for a recess.

8:50P.M. The Board met with Karen Makaisu owner of Larry's Inc. D/B/A Karen's Restaurant. Mrs. Makaisu stated that her attorney was unavailable to be present and requested the Board postpone the meeting. Chairman Slarsky on behalf of the Board rescheduled the meeting to June 29, 1993. Chairman Slarsky warned Mrs. Makaisu that this would be the last postponement regardless of circumstances.

Selectman Jones moved the Board adjourn seconded by Selectman Hamel, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

9:55P.M. Meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Jones", is written over the "Meeting adjourned" line.