

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1992  
2ND FLOOR MEETING HALL  
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING: MOVED TO ROOM #7, DUE TO REDEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING BEING HELD IN THE BOARD'S  
MEETING HALL.

TIME OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING WAS POSTPONED  
TO 8:00P.M. DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM UNTIL  
8:00P.M.

8:00P.M. OPEN MEETING

The Board met with Selectman McKinney and Selectman Slarsky.  
Chairman Jones absent due to earlier commitment.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved in the following  
amounts: P/R: \$349,824.11  
Expense: \$198,798.48

Selectman McKinney opened the meeting in the absence of Chairman  
Jones. Selectman McKinney apologized to those present for the  
delay in the Agenda, stating the Board was unable to meet at  
7:30p.m. due to a lack of quorum and that the scheduled Public  
Hearings would be taken up later in the meeting.

The Board met with Lloyd Gilmore of the Outreach Committee of  
St. Andrews Church re: the church's Centennial Celebration-100th  
Anniversary. Mr. Gilmore stated the church members are  
conducting various activities to commemorate the church's  
centennial. One suggestion was to donate 100 hours of service to  
the Town of Ayer for support of the Church. Trash pick-up in the  
downtown area and park was discussed as well as service to the  
Historical and Veterans i.e. monument cleaning. The Board  
thanked Mr. Gilmore for this commendable service towards  
community service and requested Mr. Higgins coordinate the  
activities with the church.

The Board met with the Recycling Committee and Ayer Board of  
Health re: delineation of responsibilities of both  
organizations with regard to the Transfer Station operations.

Mr. Higgins presented to the Board a report dated 5/5/92 prepared  
by the Recycling Task Force addressing necessary changes to  
increase the effectiveness of the recycling program. The  
Committee recommended significant revisions to the operating  
procedures of the facility. The recommendations included a blue-  
print for immediate, short-term and long-term efficiencies. Areas  
identified were:

IMMEDIATE- ceasing the practice of compacting loads.

2. Open Negotiations with Ogden Martin re: transportation element request to contract w/other vendors for transportation of waste. If Ogden is receptive-purchase (2) trailers (in lieu of rentals) Resume compaction-the town would seek to pay by the trip rather than ton.

PERSONNEL: Permanently reassign the equipment operator to the Waste Water Division. Create a part-time equipment operator's position as well as part-time assistant equipment operator to assist the Recycling Co-ordinator.

EMPHASIS THE NEED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC THE MERITS OF RECYCLING: In order to effectively market the program and expand public participation.

The Committee recommended that three (3) part-time employees working 19 1/2 per week should be able to make the program work. The Committee cautioned the Board that a fourth part-time person may need to be added when the town expands the recycling product line to include corrugated.

RECYCLING: The Board was advised of purchase of roll-off trailer for the collection and transportation of yard waste from the Transfer Station to the DPW yard.

TIP FLOOR RECYCLING: The committee recommended the continuance of this method only as a transitional measure. The Committee stated that they share the Board's concern re: safety and health of the employees. The Committee recommended the Town purchase safety equipment, safety training and establish safety policies and procedures for the operation. Selectman Slarsky stated this was a Board of Health matter and should fall under the direct supervision of the Health Board. Ms. McMillian, Chairman of the Board of Health stated her concerns with this practice and requested a cease and desist of this practice until the Board comes back with recommendations. The Board stated concerns with liability and voted to cease and desist anything that constitutes risk from the collection of recyclables from the tipping floor.

Mr. Leistikow, Chairman of the Recycling Committee stated most residents do not recycle and front end through the windows and valuable recyclables/money are incinerated. Selectman Slarsky stated the employees safety was the issue at hand and reiterated their concern and requested the practice cease and desist until the Board of Health comes back to them with their recommendations to this practice.

SIGNAGE: The Committee suggested the name of the facility be changed to TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER. Supt. Redfield agreed only to recommend to change it to state: RECYCLING CENTER/TRANSFER STATION. The Board agreed with this recommendation. Along with the Signage change the committee

addressed problems encountered by the residents due to traffic patterns, placement of the recycling bins, and more effective use of scales should be evaluated to improve the site configuration.

LONG TERM - Revise the fee structure, create incentives to recycle (pay for what you dispose as opposed to paying a flat fee)

GATE ATTENDANT: The Committee recommended the installation of a gate house and the creation of a gate attendant stating the gate attendant is the pivotal person in the recycling operation. That person is responsible for welcoming people to the facility, explaining the operation, promoting recycling, issuing stickers, estimating weight of commercial loads.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: The Board stated the Board of Health's responsibilities will be Health & Safety issues and the Transfer Station's operations will fall under the Co-ordinator to Supt. Redfield to the Board of Selectmen. The committee requested the establishment of progress reports with additional reports on a periodic basis be implemented.

The Board thanked the Task Force for all the time and effort that has been put into this report and requested the following action items be addressed as soon as possible: purchase of trailers, Ogden Martin's contract be investigated re: compaction and transportation issues, personnel transfer and hire of part-time attendant, impact bargaining opened, leaf composting and sign change of the facility. The Board requested a two week report be submitted back to them from Supt. Redfield.

9:20p.m. The Board called for a five minute recess.

9:25p.m. The Board called the meeting back to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: AYER GUN & SPORTSMEN'S ALL ALCOHOL CLUB LICENSE  
Selectman McKinney opened the Hearing by reading the Public Notice which appeared in the Nashoba Publications the weeks of April 22, and 29, 1992.

Selectman Slarsky stated at this time that he is a member of the Gun Club and also an abutter to clarify if anyone had concerns regarding conflict of interest. Selectman McKinney also stated that he was also a member for conflict of interest purposes.

Mr. Higgins opened the hearing by updating the Board to the Club's previous practice regarding liquor licenses being One Day Beer & Wine Licenses, generated on a monthly basis. This practice has been abolished by the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) With this new change by the ABCC the Club is now applying for a Club All Alcohol License. Selectman McKinney requested who would be speaking for the Club. Atty. Matt Glavey stated he would be spokesman for the Club.

Mr. Glavey stated he too is a member of the Club. The Club was Chartered back in 1939 as a Non-Profit organization, under the liquor Control Act, Chapter 138 of the General Laws and incorporated under MGL Chapter 180. The Club presently has over 350 members. The Club License would restrict the club to members and their guests. No private functions such as the dances on Friday night, no Bring your own Bottle (BYOB). The Club would gain greater control if the Club License is granted. Mr. Higgins stated a letter had been received from the Federated Church in support of the Club. Selectman Slarsky read the letter into the record. (see attached document).

Selectman McKinney requested if there were abutters present who wished to speak. Paul Bresnahan stood and stated that he is a member for the last fifteen years and he is also an abutter. Mr. Bresnahan's concern was that he was not satisfied that the club needs to up-grade the license from a Beer & Wine to a full alcohol license. Mrs. Polly Hebb requested to speak as an abutter stating she felt the same as Mr. Bresnahan the license should remain as a Beer & Wine for the Club. An unidentified resident spoke regarding the safety of children in the area. George Moore requested to speak as an abutter stating he found no problem with the Club's application. Mr. Glavey stated the Club would be subject to renewals and if problems arose the license could be revoked.

Selectman McKinney requested if there was anyone from the Club who wished to speak on behalf of the license. Paul Poirier, secretary of the Club stated there has never been an incident at the Club. The Club sponsors the Annual Childrens Xmas Party, Boys & Girls Clubs, local Scholarships, Fishing Derbys and the event proceeds are turned back into the community through the above mentioned activities. Not allowing the full alcohol license would prohibit private functions and hurt revenues coming into the Club. Jim Crothers stated he has been a member for the past ten years and there has never been an incident. Mr. Stan Belinsky, President of the Club stated the Club's intent is to abide by the laws and the law states the Club has to have a License. Mr. Richard Shepard stated the Club has the best reputation around for staying within the laws. Richard Skocylas, past president stated there has never been problems with the ABCC. Mr. Francis Callahan, stated as a past Selectmen there is serious question re: the change of usage from Beer & Wine to full Alcohol. Mr. Callahan stated he is fully opposed to all Alcohol License. Zoning is a problem and this alone should be brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals for ruling.

Chairman Jones entered the meeting.

The Board closed the Public Hearing and concluded that there is considerable debate regarding the granting of a full or limited

license. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board take this matter under advisement for two weeks, to update Chairman Jones on issues discussed earlier, Seconded by Selectmen Jones.  
Vote: unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: LAYING OUT OF DOUG RD., & JONATHAN DR. EXT.

Chairman Jones opened the Hearing by reading the legal notice which appeared in the Lowell Sun newspaper.

The Board met with George Moore regarding his petition for the acceptance of Doug Rd. and Jonathan Drive Extension by the Town.

The Board reviewed with Supt. William Redfield if the roads were constructed in accordance with the Town By-laws. Supt. Redfield stated Doug Road and Jonathan Drive Extension were constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Planning Board and the Ayer Department of Public Works, and in accordance with the Town of Ayer's Sub-Division By-laws, and Water and Sewer Regulations. Supt. Redfield recommended the Planning Board submit an Article at the Annual Town Meeting for the acceptance of Doug Road, and Jonathan Drive Extension. Supt. Redfield presented to the Board copies of LEA Group Project #51011.00 attesting that the work was performed in accordance with the above Rules and Regulations.

Chairman Jones requested if there was anyone present to speak for or against the petition. No one came forward.

Selectman Slarsky moved to approve the Laying Out of Roads as presented and place the acceptance of both Roads on the 1992 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectman McKinney, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Higgins advised the Board that Chief Boisseau was available to recommend the award for contract for the Police Department software. The Board met with Chief Boisseau and Sergeant Brad Madge. Chief Boisseau updated the Board to the computer project in the Department being done three years ago but did not include computerization of the police functions. Housekeeping software was included, i.e. bills/accounting but did not have capability to do police reports and other police related functions. Sergeant Madge advised the Board to the advantages of the software support freeing up man hours and producing detailed quality reporting.

Chief Boisseau advised the Board only one bid was received due to companies wanting to supply the hardware with the software. Chief Boisseau recommended the Board award the contract for computer software to Information Management Corp. of Grafton, Ma.

Commission. Mr. Higgins stated historically the Commission has consisted of five members. The Board requested the six individuals be contacted to appear at the next Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for May 19, 1992.

4. The Board was reminded of Ruth Proctor requesting to be appointed to MRPC due to current delegate unable to attend. The board requested the prior delegate be contacted and submit resignation and find out how many meeting have been missed.

5.. The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 11, 1992.

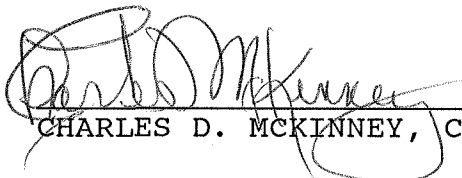
6. The Board was reminded of upcoming meetings:

5/7/92	7:00p.m.	Joint Boards at the Bull Run/Shirley.
5/9/92	8:00a.m.	Selectmen's Meeting-finalize Warrant Town Hall
5/9/92	9:00a.m.	Recount of Ballot question of 4/22/92
5/19/92	7:30p.m.	Ogden Martin on Selectmen's Agenda

7. Selectman Slarsky gave a brief update to meeting conducted May 4, 1992 at Fort Devens with the Governor, Senators Kennedy, Kerry, Congressman Atkins and representatives re: Redevelopment Conference. Selectman Slarsky stated the 10th Group would not be leaving Fort Devens until 1995 and that was good news for retirees picking up a couple more years of service. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will be conducting a Public Hearing on May 21, 1992 at the Ayer High School stating Fort Devens is one of 6 future sites for a prison. Selectman Slarsky stated thing are progressing.

Selectman Slarsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman McKinney, vote: unanimous, so moved.

10:35P.M. meeting adjourned.

  
CHARLES D. MCKINNEY, CLERK

DATE: 5-19-92