

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1992  
SECOND FLOOR MEETING HALL  
TOWN HALL, MAIN ST., AYER, MA.

7:45P.M. OPEN MEETING

The Board met with Chairman McKinney, Selectman Slarsky and Selectman Slarsky.

The minutes of April 21, 1992, were read and accepted.

The weekly warrant was examined and signed in the following amounts:   PAYROLL: \$359,771.48  
                  EXPENSES: \$101,798.37

The Board met with Lyn Lutz, teacher, at the Ayer High School regarding the "Don't be a Memory Program" to be conducted at the Ayer High School on Friday, May 2, 1992 (Prom date). Mrs. Lutz outlined for the Board the program sponsored through S.A.D.D. (students against drunk drivers) and M.A.D.D. (mothers against drunk drivers). The Class of 1992's Prom Date, May 2, 1992, will be a full day of activities orchestrated to send out a strong message on the effects of drunk driving. Mrs. Lutz stated the business community has demonstrated their support by offering assistance with props to be designed around a "funeral, death, and serious injury, to reinforce their message. All day long a student will be pulled out of class and made up to reflect one of the above serious consequences of drunk driving to remind them that they are not immortal, and someone-somewhere nationwide dies every 22 minutes by a drunk driver or by drinking and driving.

Mrs. Lutz requested the Board's support of this effort by allowing signs to be placed along the streets, businesses and homes in Ayer depicting the message "Dont be a Memory" in areas where students congregate i.e. McDonalds, gas stations, florist, hairdressers, etc. employees will be wearing tee-shirts with the "Don't be a Memory logo" to reinforce the communities support.

The Board applauded Mrs. Lutz's program and pledged their support. Selectman Slarsky contributing his election signs as well as Selectman Jones. The Board requested the signs be properly removed after the program is over. Selectman Slarsky reflected on a tragic reminder of his Prom whereas a student died in such a situation, stating there was no such program such as this at that time, and he wholeheartedly supported this effort. The Board voted unanimously to support Mrs. Lutz "Don't be a Memory Program with the above stipulation that the signs be properly taken down after the prom.

Mr. Higgins reviewed the May 11, 1992, Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles with the Board. Reports to be presented by the Ayer Regionalization Planning Committee and Ayer Recycling Committee.

Articles 6-9: Old articles to be closed out.  
Article 10: Assessors requesting to indefinitely postpone.  
Article 11: Library Trustee  
Article 12: School-EEO  
Article 13: School-PL-874  
Article 14: Reserve Fund -\$100,000  
Article 15: Treasurer-Tax Title-approx. \$3,000  
Article 16: Eliades-Sewer Tie-In-By Petition  
Article 17: DPW-Pick-up Truck (take from Stabilization)  
Article 18: Revolving Fund: Fire Dept: Alarm System-\$5,000  
Article 19: Revolving Fund: Recycling: capital equip-\$25,000  
Article 20: Revolving Fund: School Dept: Adult Ed.  
Article 21: Selectmen: Centrex telephone system  
Article 22: Selectmen: Rescind-Art. 3-STM 3-31-83  
Article 23: Selectmen: By-Back Acct.  
Article 24: DPW : overlay streets & roads  
Article 25: lost: Ballot question 4-27-92  
Article 26: Police: Drinking By-law  
Article 27: Police: Bugler Alarm System  
Article 28: Fire Dept: House Numbering By-law  
Article 29: Selectmen: Amend Hackney Carriage By-law  
Article 30: Planning Board: Acceptance of Jonathan Dr. Ext.  
Article 31: Planning Board: Acceptance of Doug Drive  
Article 32: Town Clerk: Change of Election time  
Article 33: Petition: Salaries non-union employees

The Board instructed Mr. Higgins to investigate the cost of a Re-Count on Article 25-Roadway Improvement System.

Selectman Slarsky requested Representative Hornblower be contacted re: disrepair of the West Main Street Bridge. Selectmen Slarsky requested Rep. Hornblower be advised of requests for assistance submitted to the Governor's Redevelopment Board-Land Bank, Senator Cellucci, Mass. Dept. of Public Works, and having pursued State & Federal Avenues.

Selectman Slarsky requested B&M be contacted re: latest incident with Guilford Ind. promising not to park trains carrying dangerous chemicals along heavy populated areas in the Town of Ayer. Selectman Slarsky stated again he spotted cars carrying hydrocyanic acid along the siding under the West Main St. Bridge.

The Board reviewed upcoming dates of interest:

5/4/92 12:30 Senator Kennedy, Governor Weld, Col. Johnson to  
be at Fort Devens re: redevelopment of base  
5/21/92 7:00 Prison Forum at Ayer High School

The Board congratulated Selectman Slarsky upon his re-election to the Board. Selectman Slarsky thanked the Board and stated it was a pleasure to serve the community and win their support.

Chairman McKinney opened the Floor to nominations for the Board's re-organization. Selectman Slarsky moved Charles Jones be appointed Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman McKinney. Selectman Slarsky nominated Charles McKinney be appointed Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, Seconded by Chairman Jones, Selectman Slarsky will serve as Member of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board met with Tracy Eliades of Westridge Farm, Groton, Ma.

Chairman Jones requested if Mr. Eliades requested Open Session or Executive Session. Mr. Eliades requested Open Session.

Present for the discussion was Robert Collins- Mr. Eliades Attorney, Arthur Blackman-Selectman from the Town of Groton, Mr. Eliades Project Engineer-Mark Donahue and Town Counsel, Robert Gardner.

Town Counsel opened the discussion by addressing pending litigation presently before the Town against this locus. Mr. Eliades stated the purpose of this discussion was not to discuss this matter.

Mr. Eliades stated he was here this evening to discuss a proposed intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Ayer and the Town of Groton stating Groton had approved an agreement authorizing the Groton Board of Selectmen or Wastewater Committee to enter into this agreement to allow Westridge Farm Associates to be served by an extension of the Ayer sewer lines. Mr. Eliades stated the Groton Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support an Article to be placed on the Groton Annual Town Meeting of June 17, 1991 and this article was presented and carried by the Groton voters. Mr. Eliades presented the Board a copy of the certified article.

Mr. Eliades presented to the Board a map depicting the site configuration and proposed water/sewer line and gave a brief history of the land from purchase in 1941 to present. Mr. Eliades stated the land was historically farm land and with the family no long farming they wished to convert to another use such as housing/residential use. The Board stated the Town's present situation with voluntary water ban- due to Town not being able to keep up with the present demand during peak season, stating the towns stand pipes get to a critical level and the Town is looking at adding another well field. The Sewer plant is 79% at capacity per DEP regulations with only 21% surplus. The Board felt very uncomfortable with this percentage.

Mr. Blackman, Chairman of the Groton Board of Selectmen stated he was here to endorse Mr. Eliades proposal stating Mr. Eliades had worked very diligently with this concept over the past five years and expressed the Groton Board of Selectmen's support of this proposal.

Mr. Eliades requested the Ayer Board of Selectmen's support of this article on Monday, May 13, 1992. Selectmen Slarsky stated he was not in support of this article stating it being to premature and Ayer's surplus not being all that prosperous and the sewer moratorium was 1 to 2 years away. Selectman Jones stated the Board could not favorably support the proposal of loop simply by not having the capacity. Mr. Elaides requested just approving to the sewer than. Mr. Eliades stated he was willing to buy capacity. Mark Donahue was requested to conduct a comprehensive study re expansions to the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, interceptor sewer routes, preliminary construction costs, ramifications, re: ownership, easement preparation, local capital cost, sewer ordinances, all of this has to occur and be reviewed and analyzed before any discussions are opened. Mr. Collins- Mr. Elaides Lawyer felt also this proposal was premature and needed much more research before approaching the Town of Ayer. The Board thanked Mr. Elaides for coming before them and requested Mr. Eliades come back once hard numbers and data are available.

Selectman Slarsky moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

9:30P.M. Open Session adjourned.

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CHARLES D. MCKINNEY, CLERK