

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1991
AYER TOWN HALL, SECOND FLOOR MEETING HALL
MAIN STREET, AYER, MA. 01432

7:30P.M. OPEN SESSION

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

The minutes of October 28, 1991 were read and accepted.

The Weekly warrant was examined and approved for the following amounts: P/R: \$359,708.28
EXP: \$ 13,658.73

The Board reviewed a One Day Beer & Wine License for the Ayer Sportsmen's Club, SnakeHill Rd., Ayer, Ma. for November 24, 1991. Selectman Slarsky moved the License be approved with Sunday restriction in place, not to begin serving/selling before 12:00 noon. Selectman Slarsky stated that he derives no benefit for approving this license, being a member of the club, and sees no conflict of interest approving said license. Chairman McKinney and Selectman Jones stating same. Motion made by Selectman Slarsky, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board reviewed the Common Victualler's License issued to Cajun Joe's & Subway Fast Food Restaurant located at 18 Park Street, Ayer, Ma. Selectman Slarsky read the minutes of 9/23/91 -Public Hearing for Park Street Willows Group requesting Mr. Appointe, Manager of Cajun Joe's/Subway to repetition the Board of Selectmen, after he secured the Food Handler's Permit from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, for the issuance of the Common Victualler's License. The Board requested Mr. Appointe be scheduled for the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, November 25, 1991. The Board approved a new License dated 11/25/91 to be presented at this meeting. The Board to look into the license procedures re: authorization of signing licenses under the Board's purview.

The Board met with Thomas Callahan, Town Treasurer, regarding borrowing short term note in anticipation of revenue. (taxes, PL-874 funds) The Board requested Mr. Callahan to give a brief explanation as to what is going on. Mr. Callahan stated the 1991 taxes haven't gone out yet and PL-874 funds are late this year not to be received until the end of December 1991.

Selectman Slarsky expressed the Board's frustration for the Federal Government holdoff and the state of back taxes owned to

the Town. Selectman Slarsky requested the Treasurer to prepare a list of properties past & present under Tax Title and also request from the Town Clerk a list of present & past tax liens to date.

Mr. Callahan stated that HUD would not allow the Town to borrow a short term note under the Towns UDAG loan payback account. Mr. Callahan stated he secured a One Million short term note from State Street Bank at 5.2% interest. The Board requested what other banking institutions Mr. Callahan had sought the note from? Mr. Callahan stated the following institutions:

1. State Street Bank - 5.2%
2. Baybank - 5.75%
3. Shawmut - 5.9%
4. Fleet - 6%

Selectman Jones stated in the past the Town of Ayer has been fortunate to be able to recoup money not spent on projects or dip into the Overlay Account but now the Town is facing the same financial difficulties some of the other surrounding Towns have been experiencing.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board approved the One million short term note pursuant to Town Treasurer, Thomas Callahan's recommendation, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous.

On another matter the Board approved a \$50,000.00 roll over note on the Town's wastewater Treatment Plant, one last payment and the note is paid. Selectman Slarsky moved to approve the \$50,000.00 short term note per the recommendation of the Town Treasurer, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Jones on another matter requested why the Water Bills were three (3) months late in going out? stating he had just received his and the meter had been read in August of 91? The Board to request Supt. Redfield in regarding the Water Billing at a future date.

The Board met with Acting Chief Boisseau regarding the vacant Sergeant's position. The Board reiterated the need to fill the third sergeant's position as quickly as possible. The Board request Acting Chief Boisseau to set up interview appointments with the four (4) candidates for Saturday, November 16, 1991 beginning at 8:00A.M. and scheduling them at fifteen (15) minute intervals. Appointment of the Sergeant's position to be made Monday, November 25, 1991.

On another matter the Board requested Acting Chief Boisseau to compile a list of applicants, academy trained and non-academy trained for November 16, 1991's meeting regarding the patrolman's position.

Chairman McKinney requested if Acting chief Boisseau would be interested in attending future meetings regarding public safety considerations relevant to Fort Devens.

Selectman Jones advised the Board to two (2) meetings scheduled for this Saturday at Fort Devens one beginning at 10:00A.M. and another one at 3:00p.m. with Senators Kennedy & Kerry, Gov. Weld, and state reps regarding Fort Devens.

PUBLIC HEARING: N.E. TELEPHONE CO. - OLD WEST MAIN ST.

The Board met with Matt Hurley representing New England Telephone company.

Chairman McKinney opened the Hearing by reading the legal notice which appeared in the Nashoba Publications newspaper the weeks of October 30, 1991 and November 6, 1991.

Mr. Hurley stated the engineer for the job Mr. Zepher had met with Supt. Redfield and reviewed the site. Mr. Hurley presented a map of the site work. Discussion arose concerning the exact location of the work, and if the correct abutters were notified. Selectman Slarsky requested the Board to table any action until the Board had a chance to look at the area and reschedule the continuance of the Hearing until Monday, November 25, 1991. Selectman Slarsky moved this request, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Chairman McKinney requested at this time to go off the posted agenda due to no show of McCarthy Assoc.-Park Plaza.

The Board met with Jerome and Robert Picca of the Seasoned Chef seeking a Club Alcohol License for their establishment located at the Shaker Hills Golf Course, Shaker Road, Ayer, Ma.

The Board reviewed with Jerome Picca the list of concerns the Board had relative to the license public hearing conducted on October 28, 1991.

Mr. Picca submitted to the Board a signed copy of the Lease with Woodland Trustees stating the term of the Agreement, a letter from Robert McGinty, Trustee for Woodland, stating the Company's permission for Mr. Picca to obtain the Alcohol License, the Manager of the license and the liability coverage.

Selectman Slarsky requested the license state hours of operation very clearly. Mr. Picca stated he had not been able to ascertain specific hours of operation due to the special circumstances involved with a seasonal business. After a short discussion regarding this matter Mr. Picca agreed to hours from 10:00a.m. to 9:00P.M. Monday through Saturday and 12:00noon to 9:00 on Sundays.

With All other areas addressed the Board moved to approve the

Beer & Wine Alcohol License for Jerome Picca of the Seasoned Chef. Selectman Slarsky moved this motion seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Slarsky requested to re-consider the N.E. Telephone Public Hearing re: Old West Main Street, Ayer, Ma. tabled earlier in the evening.

Selectman Slarsky stated the Board has received new information from Mr. Hurley regarding the petition for the trench. This request was put into a motion and seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.


Mr. Hurley Stated he had gone out to the site and marked it on the original plan for clarification purposes. The area involved was outlined before bridge on the right hand side. Mr. Hurley stated this job was no longer than a half (1/2) a day's work and could be completed by the end of the week. If the petition was delayed the work would not be done until Spring of next year. the Board requested the road never be impassable to emergency vehicles. Mr. Hurley stated the road would not be made impassible by the work.

Selectman Slarsky moved to approve N.E. Telephone's petition based upon the recommendations made by Supt. Redfield as stated on the petition, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: UNANIMOUS, so moved.

The Board met with Stephen Triangle of United Auto located at 100 Park Street regarding his continuance of the Public Hearing conducted on October 28, 1991. Present for this discussion was William Halligan, Building Commissioner. Mr. Halligan read Section E of the Town Zoning By-laws into the record. Mr. Halligan stated Mr. Triangles business was allowable, specifically wholesaling. Selectman Slarsky stated the Board had received two (2) letters from abutters totally against this business to be located at the same site. Mr. Triangle stated and presented a petition from local area business approving his business as well as reiterating the parking spaces to be utilized by his business. The Board requested to view the site themselves and have Mr. Triange stop by the Selectmen's office and leave his telephone number and a few dates that he would be available to meet with the Selectman on his premise. The Board stated the area of concern was very limited and abutters concerns would have to be investigated. The Board set back any action on this license until Monday, October 25, 1991, when the Board would decide on the license after a site viewing of the business.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Jones, Vote: unanimous, so moved.

9:00p.m. Selectmen's Meeting adjourned.



DATE: 25 Nov 91