

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 26, 1991
Second Floor Town Hall
Main St., Ayer, Ma.

7:30P.M. The Board met with Chairman McKinney, Selectman Slarsky and Selectman Jones.

The minutes of July 8, 1991 were read and accepted.

The minutes of August 5, 1991 were read and accepted and signed off by Selectman Jones in the absence of Selectman Slarsky.

The Weekly warrant was examined and signed off in the following amount: payroll: \$36,580.23.

Mr. Higgins reviewed with the Board Governor Weld's establishment of 2 1/2 override: Super Tuesday ballot question. The Board affirmed with Mr. Higgin's recommendation of no need for the override ballot stating Ayer is in balance and a override would create a artificial deficit in the new fiscal year. Selectman Jones moved the Board vote against Governor Well's Super Tuesday ballot question, Seconded by Selectman Slarsky, Vote: unanimous so moved.

The Board met with Robert McGinty, Trustee of the Shaker Hills Golf Course and Jerome Picca of the Seasoned Chef. Mr. McGinty stated this new request would be for the whole month of September 1991 and that the paperwork for the Club's Alcohol License is being prepared by the Club's attorney. Selectman Jones moved the Board approve Shaker Hills Golf Course request for a One Day Beer & Wine License for the month of September 1991, Selectman Slarsky seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Mr. Slarsky stated that Shaker Hills had paid for a One Day Beer & Wine License in July 1991 and were unable to use it due to litigation. Selectman Slarsky he moved that the fee for September 1991 be waved in lieu of payment received in July 1991. After a short discussion the Board moved to waive the fee for September in lieu of July's non use of the license. Motion moved by Selectman Slarsky, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

The Board approved a One Day Beer & Wine License for The Ayer Gun & Sportsmen's Club for the following dates: September 2, 7, 8 and 21, 1991. Motion moved by Selectman Jones, Seconded by Selectman Slarsly, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

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BOSTON GAS PUBLIC HEARING: Groton Harvard Road, Ayer, Ma.

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not at this time. Selectman Slarsky moved the Board set this request back for the Common Victualler License until Mr. Appointte received his Food Handler's License from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. The Board requested Mr. Appointee to repetition the Board upon his holding the Food Handler's License for both establishments.

The Board met with Chief Connors regarding his recommendation for appointment of a patrolman to fill vacancy created by John Wyman. Chief Connors recommended the appointment of David Hoffman a former Town of Ayer Police Officer. The Board after a brief discussion with Mr. Hoffman moved to accept Chief Connors recommendation and appoint Mr. David Hoffman to the patrolman's position vacated by John Wyman contingent upon Mr. Hoffman's successful completion of a physical exam to be conducted by the Town's physician and all other requirements of position in place. Mr. Hoffman to start at Step II of the Union salary scale. Motion moved by Selectman Slarsky, seconded by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

On another matter the Board met with Chief Connors re: the Investigator's position and the sergeant's position presently open. Chief Connors stated that the Investigator would be selected from one of the officer's in house. Selectman Jones offered to the Board criteria Boston University has for the establishment of the criteria. The Board requested the Chief submit in writing the criteria to be used for selection of this position. And that the Investigator's position include all other duties assigned.

Chief Connors stated that he has six candidates for the Sergeants position. The Chief reviewed with the Board the standards set for screening the candidates. (oral board, written board, management assessment, performance, supervisors assessment, top scorer) Selectman Slarsky stated that the appointment is vested with the Selectmen and the Board should review all documentation prior to selection. Chairman McKinney requested the Chief prepare information on each of the candidates for the Board's review.

The Board met with Beatrice Trombly regarding a Town of Ayer Taxi License. Ms. Trombly stated she was a Town of Ayer resident living on Sandy Pond Rd. Mrs. Trombly stated she was a first time taxi driver. Mrs Trombly stated she has no motor vehicle violations except for minor instructional one while learning to operate the 10 passenger van. Selectman Jones requested who owned the vehicles. Mrs. Trombly stated that she would be driving for Ayer Express Taxi owned by Keith Rumbo. After a short discussion with Ms. Trombly Selectman Slarsky moved the Board approve Beatrice Trombly's taxi license, seconded by Selectman JONES, VOTE: Unanimous, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. The Board was advised of Mr. Higgins Westover visit on 8/7/91 re: Westover's realignment in 1973. Mr. Higgins met with the President of the Westover Metropolitan Development Corp. Mr. Allan Blair and Mr. Thomas Haberlin, Director of Community Development for the City of Chicopee. A tour of the facility was conducted. Mr. Higgins stated that portions of Westover were still under the control of the Department of Defence, and the re-use of the base went through the Corporation, the first piece of land was transferred to the Corporation in 1976. The Corp. has since then sold, developed, purchased within Westover in conformance with the economic plan.

2. The Board was advised of Mr. Higgins trip to Washington, D.C. with Dana Owens, Selectman from Harvard and John Petrin Executive Secretary to meet with Dr. Rauner, Director of the Office of Economic Adjustment and Colonel Osgood who will be the project manager from Fort Devens. The Board was advised of grant assistance. The average award is around \$100,000.00 the money may be utilized for staff or consultants this grant would probably be split between the four communities.

3. The Board requested Mr. Higgins formulate a letter to Senators Kennedy, Kerry and Congressman Atkins requesting the support in setting up a meeting with Department of Defense (DOD) demanding timeframe for planning purposes when is the phasing out of troops to begin. The town has to budget schools, infrastructure, planning, consultants etc.

4. The Board was advised to Mr. Higgins still awaiting responses from 13 member Re-Use Committee.

5. The Board was reminded to tour & briefing of Fort Devens being this Saturday, September 7, 1991 at 9:00a.m. at post head quarters.

6. The Board was advised of Mass. Elec. surcharge clarification letter being released this week in the Nashoba Publications.

7. Mr. Higgins advised the Board that he had met with Vicki Paret of Communities Opportunity Group (COG) and members of the Chamber of Commerce re: scoping out a program that meets the needs of the merchants of Ayer. The Board was advised of the three Components of the Grant: 1. infrastructure 2. Business Planing 3. Infrastructure - perhaps extending water mains.

8. The Board was advised of MCI- Shirley prisoners to begin work in the Town Hall on Sept. 9, 1991. Meals and supplies are to be furnished by the Town.

9. The Board voted to support MRPC's request to support a first time homeowner agreement with 8 or 9 surrounding communities. Selectman Jones moved the Board support this endeavor, seconded by Selectman Slarsky, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

10. Mr. Higgins advised the Board to a meeting with FEMA regarding Hurricane Bob reimbursement to Cities & Towns for cleanup and repair. Mr. Higgins presented documentation for over \$10,000.00 incurred for preparation, clean-up and repair that the town realized.

11. The Board voted to appoint Emily Butler to the Council on Aging replacing her husband who passed away in December 1990.

12. The Board approved the FY-90 Highway Grant in the amount of \$458,000.00 for submission to the state.

13. The Board moved to accept the resignation of Charles Miller from the Advisory Board with regrets effective immediately. The Board requested Mr. Miller be sent a letter of appreciation.

14. The Board requested the Advisory Board meet with the School Department re: the \$38,000.00. The board requested the Advisory Board pursue the School giving back the \$38,000.00 approved at the Annual Town Meeting when EEO funding may have been cutback.

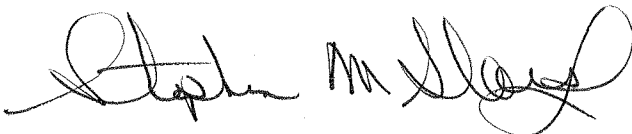
The Board after a lengthy discussion elected Selectman Slarsky to sit on the Governor's Re-Appointment Board. Mr. Slarsky to represent the Town in Mobile, Alabama Sept. 14, 1991 to September 18, 1991. Selectman Jones requested Mr. McKinney be elected as alternate representative. Funding for Trip to be paid from UDAG for alternate.

The Board was reminded to Sept. 10, 1991 being the Joint Board meeting in Harvard at 7:30p.m.

The Board was advised of Re-Development Meeting being Wednesday, September 11, 1991 at 7:30p.m.

Selectman Slarsky moved the Board adjourn the meeting in Open Session to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Second by Selectman Jones, VOTE: unanimous, so moved

10:23P.M. Open Session meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Slarsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Slarsky" being the most prominent parts.