

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1990  
2ND FLOOR TOWN HALL, MAIN ST.,  
AYER, MA.

7:30P.M. OPEN MEETING

THE BOARD MET WITH SELECTMAN JONES AND SELECTMAN MCKINNEY. CHAIRMAN SLARSKY WAS ABSENT DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENT.

THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 1990 WERE READ AND ACCEPTED.

THE WEEKLY WARRANTS WERE EXAMINED AND APPROVED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: PAYROLL: \$338,513.58  
BILLS: \$160,182.50

7:35P.M. PUBLIC HEARING-WATER & SEWER RATES/RULES & REGULATIONS.

SELECTMAN JONES OPENED THE HEARING BY READING INTO THE RECORD THE LEGAL NOTICE WHICH RAN IN THE NASHOBA PUBLICATIONS THE WEEKS OF OCTOBER 24, 1990 AND OCTOBER 31, 1990.

CHAIRMAN JONES TURNED THE HEARING OVER TO SUPT. REDFIELD.

SUPT. REDFIELD STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RATE INCREASES FOR FY-92 IN THE WATER OR SEWER DEPARTMENTS. SUPT. REDFIELD STATED THAT THREE (3) WATER FEES WERE BEING IMPLEMENTATED:

1. FIRE FLOW TESTING FEE: \$150.00 FOR TWO (2) MEN FOR MINIMUM TWO (2) HOURS, - \$60.00/PER EA. ADDITIONAL HOUR.
2. BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING FEE: \$150.00 FOR TWO (2) MEN MINIMUM TWO (2) HOURS, - \$60.00/PER EA. ADDITIONAL HOUR.
3. CHARGES & FEES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE WASTEWATER INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM.

SUPT. REDFIELD INTRODUCED REPRESENTATIVES FROM HOYLE TANNER, CONSULTANTS FOR THE TOWNS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM.

SUPT. REDFIELD GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN'S PROPOSED REGULATION OF SEWER USE TO BE SUBMITTED TO EPA FOR THEIR APPROVAL. TWO (2) NEW AMENDMENTS: 1E. ADD--THE FOLLOWING: FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT.  
2D. ADD--THE FOLLOWING: " " " "

REGULATION OF SEWER USE: THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF PUBLIC & PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATER AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATORS, IN

THE TOWN OF AYER AND ALSO THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGULATION IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOWN OF AYER TO SET FORTH UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT BOS-MIN-11-13-90-JL-PG/2

CONTRIBUTORS INTO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITY AND TO ENABLE THE TOWN TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS INCLUDING THE CLEAN WATER ACT AS AMENDED AND THE GENERAL PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS.

CHAIRMAN JONES REITERATED THE BOARDS CONCERN WITH THE TOWNS CURRENT WATER SITUATION.

THE BOARD STATED THAT THE SELECTMEN HAD MET SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1990 TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM. THE BOARD HAD AT THIS MEETING DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF DECLARING A WATER EMERGENCY AND REQUESTED DEP ASSISTANCE RELATIVE TO THIS EMERGENCY. THE BOARD REQUESTED ALL FUTURE WATER TIE-INS BE HELD OFF UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HAD BEEN INITIATE, BUT THAT ALL PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WATER TIE-IN HAD BEEN APPROVED 11/3/90..

AT THIS TIME MR. HIGGINS PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER DRAFTED BY HIM & SUPT. REDFIELD TO DEP REQUESTING AN EMERGENCY WATER PROCLAMATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT FUNDING OR OTHER FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CORRECT THE TOWN'S DEFICIENCIES.

THE BOARD ALSO REQUESTED A CAP BE INITIATED TO LIMIT ALL INDUSTRIAL USERS TO THEIR CURRENT USAGE AND A FEE TO BE ASSESSED TO THOSE USERS EXCEEDING THEIR CAP. SUPT. REDFIELD TO INVESTIGATE THREE (3) LARGEST USERS, AND PREPARE DRAFT FEE PROPOSAL.

SELECTMAN JONES OPENED THE MEETING TO COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR, REQUESTING IF ANYONE WISHED TO SPEAK FOR OR AGAINST WATER & SEWER RATES. NO COMMENTS. NO ONE WISHED TO SPEAK. SELECTMEN JONES REQUESTED THIS BE PLACED INTO THE RECORD.

SELECTMAN MCKINNEY MOVED THE BOARD SIGN THE LETTER TO DEP REQUESTING THE TOWN OF AYER'S EMERGENCY WATER PROCLAMATION, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES.

SELECTMEN MCKINNEY MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE THE WATER & SEWER RATES WITH AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED BY SUPT. REDFIELD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, SO MOVED.

8:10P.M. SELECTMAN JONES CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. THE BOARD WAS PRESENTED A DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE IBPO REGARDING THE LIGHT DUTY POLICY AND ADVISED THAT HENRY STEWART HAD BEEN CONTACTED FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS.

2. THE BOARD WAS UPDATED TO THE STATUS OF THE TOWNS MEDICAL

INSURANCE AND ADVISED THAT EMPLOYEE GROUP MEETINGS WERE STILL CONTINUING AND MOVING ALONG THAT INFORMATION AND WAS BEING TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO THE VARIOUS GROUPS.  
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3. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF RITA O'MALLY SUBMITTING HER RESIGNATION ON THE COUNCIL ON AGING. SELECTMAN MCKINNEY MOVED THE BOARD ACCEPT MRS. O'MALLY'S RESIGNATION WITH REGRETS, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, SO MOVED.

4. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF MEETING HELD WITH THE CONSULTANT RETAINED BY THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, RE: WATER & SEWER STUDY AND THAT ACCESS TO TOWN OFFICIALS WILL BE CLEARED THROUGH THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE.

5. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF CHIEF CONNORS RECOMMENDING THE INSTALLATION OF "GO SLOW CHILDREN" SIGNS ON GROTON SHIRLEY RD. AND AT INTERSECTION GROTON SCHOOL RD TO THE WEST AND BY #18 GROTON SHIRLEY RD.

6. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED OF MEETING SCHEDULED WITH CONSULTANT HIRED BY FORT DEVENS RE: HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL, WITH TOWN OFFICIALS, BEING SET FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1990 AT 10:00AM

THE BOARD MET WITH DON LEISTIKOW, CHAIRMAN, OF THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE RE: STATUS REPORT OF RECYCLING ACTIVITIES AT TOWN TRANSFER STATION. THE SELECTMEN WERE PRESENTED A REPORT AS WELL AS FLOW CHART DEPICTING TONAGE REDUCTION SINCE RECYCLING KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 15, 1990.

THE BOARD WAS PLEASED WITH NUMBERS PRESENTED DEPICTING SAVINGS TO THE SOLID WASTE BUDGET. SAVINGS OF \$20,000/PER YR. WERE DISCUSSED AS POSSIBLE POTENTIAL AND POSSIBLY DOUBLE IF CARDBOARD COLLECTION WAS ADDED TO THE RECYCLING ACTIVITIES. MR. LEISTIKOW STATED THAT THE VOLUNTEERS HAD DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB GETTING THE RECYCLING PROGRAM OFF AND RUNNING BUT STATED THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE TOWN-DPW TO TAKE OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY. MR. LEISTIKOW REQUESTED THE BOARD TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND HIRE A PART-TIME PERSON AT THE TRANSFER STATION FOR RECYCLING DUTIES, I.E. WATCHING OVER DEPOSITS FOR CONTAMINATION, STACKING NEWS PAPERS AND STICKER CHECKING. THE BOARD AGREED THAT THE VOLUNTEERS HAD DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AND CONGRATULATED THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTSTANDING JOB. SUPT. REDFIELD REQUESTED A JOB DESCRIPTION BE DEVELOPED BY THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE OUTLINING DUTIES AND SALARY PROJECTIONS.

SELECTMAN JONES REQUESTED MR. HIGGINS TO PURSUE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REGARDING COM. OF MA. GRANT FUNDING FOR RECYCLING EQUIPMENT, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FABRIC RECYCLING

MR. LEISTIKOW ADVISED THE BOARD THAT A WINNER HAD BEEN SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE LOGO CONTEST AND REQUESTED THE

BOARD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AWARD CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE TRANSFER STATION ONCE A DATE IS DEVELOPED.

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SELECTMAN MCKINNEY MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE TRANSFER STATION AT 19 HOURS/WEEK AND HIRED PRIOR TO 12/1/90. SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, SO MOVED.

THE BOARD MET WITH CHIEF WELLMAN PARKER RE: FIRE DEPT. FY-91 BUDGET STATUS:

THE BOARD WAS ADVISED TO FIRE DEPT. EMPLOYEE BEING OUT OF WORK FOR 8 WEEKS OR 20 WORKING SHIFTS FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY AND HOW THE BOARD WANTED TO HANDLE SHIFTS: CALL FIGHTERS OR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES THE COST OF CALL EMT/FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE \$172.56 PER 24 HOURS SHIFT OR A TOTAL OF \$3,451.20---THE COST FOR FULL-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEES WILL BE \$320.40 PER 24 HOUR SHIFT OR A TOTAL OF \$6,408.00. THE CHIEF REQUESTED ASSISTANCE REGARDING THIS MATTER DUE TO ONLY A FEW DAYS OF SICK LEAVE BEING BUILT INTO THE FIRE DEPT. BUDGET, AND THE BUDGET BEING IN JEOPARDY OF FALLING SHORT BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

THE BOARD REQUESTED THE ADVISORY BOARD BE CONTACTED WITH REGARD TO THIS PROBLEM BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THAT A TRANSFER OF FUNDS BE AUTHORIZED WHEN NEEDED.

THE BOARD MET WITH DANIEL MCCARTHY ASSOC. RE: PARK SQUARE RETAIL PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON FITCHBURG RD. AYER, MA. PRESENT FOR THIS DISCUSSION WERE: DANIEL MCCARTHY, WALTER BENNETT, SUPT. REDFIELD, MATT FLAGG, RUSSELL SMITH, BRIAN NORSTROM, JAMES WILLIAMS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND WILLIAM HALLIGAN.

MR. MCCARTHY GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND PROCESS THE PROJECT HAS BEEN TAKING OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. MR. MCCARTHY ADDRESSED PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE DETAILED TRAFFIC ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND INTERSECTION OF PARK ST. AND WEST MAIN ST. HAVING A LEVEL OF SERVICE BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS AND OF THE STATE REQUIRING A FIVE YEAR PROJECTION WITH THE IMPACT OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT (PARK SQUARE RETAIL CTR.) THE STATE REQUESTING THE DEVELOPER TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION. MCCARTHY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT OBJECT TO MAKING THE IMPROVEMENTS AND WILL MAKE THEM. THE BOARD WAS ADVISED THAT RECENT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE STATE INDICATED THE STATE WANTING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICE INSTALLED. MC CARTHY STATED HE WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD INPUT OF WHETHER THE TOWN WOULD REQUIRE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL OR WAS IN FAVOR OF A SIGNAL BEING INSTALLED AT THE WEST MAIN ST. AND PARK ST. INTERSECTION. SELECTMAN MCKINNEY MOVED THE BOARD TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR TWO WEEKS PENDING WRITTEN REPORTS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD REGARDING THIS MATTER BY TOWN OFFICIALS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, SO MOVED.

THE BOARD MET WITH CHIEF CONNORS REGARDING THE POLICE DEPT.

BUDGET STATUS AND REVIEW OF THE LAYOFFS.

CHIEF CONNORS PRESENTED A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1990  
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DEPICTING POLICE DEPT. BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER/1990 AND COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE IMPACT OF MAINTAINING THE TWO (2) OFFICERS PENDING LAYOFFS, THE LAYOFF TIME FRAME AND THE ONGOING EXPLORING OF ALTERNATIVES TO AVOID THE LAYOFFS.

SELECTMAN MCKINNEY REQUESTING AT THIS TIME FOR THE CHIEF TO GET INFORMATION REPORTS TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND DIGEST MATERIAL BEFORE MEETING WITH HIM. SELECTMAN JONES STATING THAT THE BOARD'S EARLIER DECISION TO MONITOR THE POLICE DEPT. BUDGET MONTH BY MONTH DUE TO UNAVAILABLE FUNDING, SELECTMAN JONES AGAIN STATED IMPACT OF TWO OFFICERS ON BUDGET AND COUNTY RETIREMENTS OF INJURED OFFICERS NOT PROCESSED BEFORE MARCH COULD CREATE A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT. THE CHIEF STATED HE WOULD RED FLAG FINANCIAL PROBLEMS QUICKLY AS THEY OCCUR TO THE BOARD.

THE BOARD APPROVED CLASS IV LICENSE'S FOR:

1. EASTERN RESTORATION-CENTRAL AVE., - AYER,MA.
2. BURNHAM TRANS. CORP.-GROTON HARVARD RD., - AYER, MA.

SELECTMAN JONES REQUESTING CHIEF CONNORS INVESTIGATE THE CONTINUING BLOCKING OF TRACKS BY THE RAILROAD.

TO GET CLARIFICATION FROM B&M OF WHAT IS GOING ON BEHIND CANNOTGATE, RUMORS OF A THIRD LINE IS SAID TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

9:40P.M. SELECTMAN MCKINNEY MOVED THE MEETING ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN JONES, SO MOVED.

9:40P.M. OPEN MEETING ADJOURNED.