

Selectmen's Meeting
August 7, 1990
Ayer Town Hall

7:30PM Open Session

Present: Chairman Slarsky, Selectmen Jones and McKinney, Tim Higgins, Executive Secretary

The Board reviewed the minutes of 7/18/90 (Emergency Meeting) a motion to approve the minutes was made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Chairman Slarsky and passed. A motion to approve the minutes of 7/24/90 was approved by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

In the next order of business Tim noted that members of the Harvard Board of Selectmen would like to present certain information pertaining to the Golf Course, to the Ayer Selectmen. Chairman Slarsky recognized the Harvard Selectperson, Sally Woster and John Petrin Executive Secretary and invited them to speak. Ms. Woster noted that the Harvard Board had concerns about the access area from the Golf Course. Mr. Rick Mai ore

arrived later in the meeting. Chairman Slarsky noted that the Board would review the information as presented and that on the 21st they would be able to provide an appropriate answer for Harvard. Selectmen Jones and McKinney concurred that this issue should be taken under advisement. Chairman Slarsky asked for a motion to this, Selectman Jones made a motion to take the matter under advisement, seconded by Selectman McKinney and passed.

Executive Secretary's Report (see report dated 8/7/90)

Tim noted that the Treasurer had given him Bonds for the Board members to sign. Chairman Slarsky stated that the Treasurer should be available to explain the Bonds, the other Board members agreed.

Item #1: Tim reported to the Board that Moody's did not increase the Town's rating. Item #2: Tim reminded the Board that although the incentive aid grant for the Town Accountant had not been secured, but that it had been funded for FY91 with Town Funds. #3 Tim noted that the initial meeting had been held with the architects for the Police Station and included were the Police Chief, Supt Redfield and himself. He stated that there would be no problem meeting the 8 week time frame as outlined in the contract. #4 Tim presented a letter addressed to

Mr. Noeth and Mr. Markham asked that the Board move as quickly as possible in allocating the money from State Aid before school starts. Chairman Slarsky reminded them that there were many uncertainties, especially with upcoming elections, and CLT, that this could change a lot of things. Also that at this point the Selectmen have not discussed other services that took cuts. Tim advised them that a STM would be necessary and that it would be late October or early November and that the procedure could not be moved up any sooner. Chairman Slarsky warned that the Town cannot spend money in anticipation of unknown resources, that we can use only what we have to spend, we cannot commit funds that are unavailable. Mr. Osbaldeson and Mr. Olefke agreed that to appropriate and then take away funds would not make sense. The discussion then centered on the possibility of another ballot for proposition two and one half, Tim advised that free cash was anticipated in early October, with Mid-October scheduled for a Special Town Meeting. Martha Craft asked about a time frame, Tim advised that he would keep everyone apprised.

In the next item of business, Selectman Jones noted that the Ayer Arts Council was sponsoring the Ft Devens band on the 16th, at the Town Park and urged everyone to attend.

Supt Redfield's Report: (see report dated 8/7/90)

Supt Redfield noted that the Contractor on Wright Rd Sewer Project had substantially completed the necessary work and that he could now present a list of sewer connections for approval by the Board of Selectmen. The list is attached and includes Rockwood property on Sedgeway/Wright Rd, also that a connection be granted to #2 Whitcomb Ave and for Lot35A and Lot35B on Wright Rd. Chairman Slarsky asked for a motion, Selectman McKinney made a motion to approve the applications, seconded by Selectman Jones, in a discussion it was determined that the water permits would be taken under advisement until August 21st, meeting, these were for #2 Whitcomb Ave and Lots 35A&B on Wright Rd., Selectman McKinney revised his motion to approve the permits except for the above mentioned water permits, seconded by Selectman Jones and the motion passed. (NOTE: CHAIRMAN SLARSKY ABSTAINED FROM ANY ACTION TAKEN ON THE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR H. SLARSKY) ✓

Selectman McKinney asked Mr. Redfield about putting a cap on the water usage and if a water emergency will have to be declared. Mr. Redfield stated that DEP and EPA would be involved and that he would have to confer with Town Counsel before issuing any restriction. Selectman Jones asked for a report on the cleaning of well #2 and looking at the funding of development of Grove Pond.

A motion to approve a water permit for Ayer Moving and Storage for 375 gallons was made by Selectman Jones, seconded by Selectman McKinney, in a discussion Supt Redfield noted that this was not a constant amount, it would be used as a fire suppression. The motion then passed unanimously.

Congressman Atkins concerning issues surrounding PL874, and, the Congressman's upcoming forum which is scheduled for August 16th. #5 Tim noted that contract negotiations have begun with the Communication Workers of America representing the dispatchers and that a new union representative would be here from Littleton, and that the Board may have to be involved with certain issues. #6: Tim continued that notices had been sent out to the UDAG Committee appointed by the Board at the last meeting and he is waiting for responses due by the end of the month. #7: Tim noted that the Ayer Industrial Association would be meeting with the Planning Board and the Selectmen on Sept 12th and that he would like to know which members would be attending. Chairman Slarsky and Selectman McKinney advised that they would be able to attend. In a final matter Tim noted that an advertisement had been published for the secretary/clerk position in the Selectmen's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING Pole Petition, Mass. Electric
Present: Cheryl DeCicco and Supt. Redfield

Chairman Slarsky read the notice of the Public Hearing as published. MS Decicco and Supt Redfield advised the members that this petition was to relocate a pole on Mechanic St because of a tree. Chairman Slarsky asked if any abutters were present, there were none, he then asked for a motion on the petition, Selectman McKinney made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Selectman Jones and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING; Marks Auto Sales

Present: Mark Knowlton, and partner

Chairman Slarsky read the notice of the Public Hearing as published. He noted that the license currently in effect is for 20 cars. Mr. Knowlton stated that the new location was four and one half acres and asked for an unlimited license. In discussion it was determined that Mr Knowlton see the building commissioner with a site layout for up to 150 cars, but the Board determined that a license for 75 cars now would be granted. Selectman McKinney made approval for a license with 75 vehicles, (Class II), contingent upon review and approval of the floor plan, and that this license could be reviewed in the future for 150 cars, seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

School Committee Regarding State Aid Update

Present: Supt Markham, Bill Noeth, and Martha Craft (who arrived later) Also Bill Olefke, and Joe Osbaldeson from the Financial Advisory Board.

Tim referred to the Memo dated 7/12/90 (on file)

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LIST OF SEWER CONNECTIONS PENDING APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Previous month non-committed - July, 1990 = (16,020 gallons per day)
August, 1990 = (2,000 gallons per day)

Total = (18,020 gallons per day)

NOTE: Exempt from sewer connection prohibition, houses located within service area of the Collection Systems Grant Program, Project #557-CS-277.

- Approve in August after completion of Wright Road Sewer Construction Project - a single family house with two (2) bedrooms equalling 220 gallons per day discharge, located on Ledge Way to be issued to Hyman Slarsky.
- Approve in August after completion of Wright Road Sewer Construction Project - a single family house with two (2) bedrooms equalling 220 gallons per day discharge, located on Wright Way to be issued to Kay Landreth.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at "C" Hedge Way to be issued to JoAnn Marie Brown.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at 5 Ledge Way to be issued to Arnold F. Peltzer.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at 8 Standish Avenue to be issued to Howard Krieser.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at 6 Wright Road to be issued to Joseph Hale.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at 2 Hedge Way to be issued to Donald F. Schaefer.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located on Wachusett Avenue to be issued to Sally M. Bresnahan.
- August - a single family house with four (4) bedrooms equalling 440 gallons per day discharge, located at 33 Wright Road to be issued to Rene T. Alexander.
- August - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at 3 Ledge Way to be issued to Frank G. and Phyllis W. Prestileo.

AUGUST - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge # 2 Seabrook to be issued to DAVID P. and PATRICIA A. RECKWOOD

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NOTE: Exempt from sewer connection prohibition, Nashoba Associated Board of Health's letter, May 8, 1990.

1. August, 1990 - a single family house with one (1) bedroom equalling 110 gallons per day discharge, located at 173 West Main Street to be issued to Richard Slarsky.

NON-EXEMPT

1. August, 1990 - a single family house with three (3) bedrooms equalling 330 gallons per day discharge, located at Lot #2, Whitcomb Avenue to be issued to Timothy A. Nolan.
2. August, 1990 - a single family house with two (2) bedrooms equalling 220 gallons per day discharge, located at Lot #35A, Wright Road to be issued to George A. Carpenter.
3. August, 1990 - a single family house with two (2) bedrooms equalling 220 gallons per day discharge, located at Lot #35B, Wright Road to be issued to George A. Carpenter.

Remaining in August, 1990 = 17,250 gallons per day

#4 Supt Redfield noted that when he receives EPA tentative approval of regulations for Sewer and Industrial Pretreatment uses he will schedule a Water And Sewer Rate, Rules and Regulations Hearing.

Enterprise Fund:

Supt Redfield recommended that the Town set up an enterprise fund for the Water and Sewer Divisions so that the payments from industries and other water and sewer users would go into an account for water and sewer use only. He added that there are currently 7 industrial users. He stated that one option would be to use \$100,000 from UDAG funds, or transfer the money from the Reserve Funds or another option would be to have the Town appropriate \$100,000 for the implementation and administration of the Wastewater Industrial Pretreatment Program. Chairman Slarsky added that any action on this could not be a hasty decision. Supt Redfield that noted that "seed" money should be available, the matter will be taken under advisement

Supt Redfield noted that #6 Old Sandy Pond Rd had tied into the sewer system completing the requirements of Grant #557-CS-46 and that he had sent a letter to DEP requesting a final inspection of the project and a determination of eligibility for final close out of the Grant and that the Town should receive its final payment of approximately \$50,000.00.

Selectman McKinney asked about water complaints if had a record of such, Mr. Redfield stated that nothing had been formalized, also that the readings were a little behind, he stated that he would formalize a procedure for appeals etc.

Chief Connors:

Street Signs:

The Chief advised "Go Slow Children" signs be installed at the beach and a "one way" sign on Old Sandy Pond road. A motion to approve the recommendations of the Chief was made by Selectman McKinney seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

Mr. Clark Paige:

Mr. Paige expressed his concerns about Cambridge St., and that he would like the Board to consider making the roadway a one-way street. The Board agreed that they would take this matter under advisement.

Mr. Wallace:

Mr Wallace explained that he would like to see a four way stop sign at Howard and Pleasant St., noting an abundance of children in the area, a school bus stop and traffic, the Chief concurred that this would be a good idea. Selectman McKinney made a motion to approve the four way stop, seconded by Selectman Jones and the Board asked that a letter be sent to Supt Redfield to request

that the sign be placed in the area, and the motion passed.

The Board asked that Chief Connors come back with a report on any actions taken by the Police Department regarding Public Drinking on the western end of main street.

The Board appointed Pat Walsh to the ZBA. A motion to appoint her was made by Selectman McKinney and seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

A motion to approve the raises as budgeted, for FY91 and to develop a policy for the process in FY92 was made by Selectman McKinney, seconded by Selectman Jones and passed.

The Selectman noted that the Flag at the Town Hall would be lowered Friday, August 17th in honor of the Ft Devens Servicemen recently killed in a helicopter accident in Arkansas.

At 9:30Pm a motion was made by Selectman Jones to adjourn from Open Session only to enter into two executive sessions, pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B to discuss labor strategy and was seconded by Selectman McKinney and the motion passed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.