

Town of Ayer

Board of Selectmen

**Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room
Ayer Massachusetts, 01432
Tuesday, April 28, 2009**



Meeting date: 4-28-09 Present:

Carolyn McCreary, Chairman (Ms. McCreary)	X	Cornelius F. Sullivan, Vice-Chairman (Mr. Sullivan)	X
Richard D. Gilles, Clerk (Mr. Gilles)	X	James Fay, Member (Mr. Fay)	X
Gary J. Luca, Member (Mr. Luca)	X	Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator (Mr. Suhoski)	X
Janet Lewis, Secretary (Mrs. Lewis)	X		

Meeting Called to order at 7:05p.m. by Chairman McCreary

Public Input-Chairman McCreary requested if there was anyone present wishing to meet with the Board under Public Input. Frank Maxant re Citizen's Petition-re-establishment DPW Commissioners of Public Works and Selectman Fay, re poor voter turnout at Town 4-27-09 election.

Frank Maxant-expressed his congratulations to Selectman McCreary and Selectman Luca upon their re-election to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Maxant reviewed citizen's petition re ambiguity and confusion concerns and legality of town re-establishing this entity. The Board advising Mr. Maxant to Town Counsel being present at Town Meeting re legal interpretation of petition and requesting petition to be sent to Town Counsel prior to Town Meeting should questions come up.

Chairman McCreary announced amendments to Agenda-DPW items being added.

1. Discharge Permit 2. PanAm discussion

Selectman Luca moved the Board approve the 4-28-09 Agenda as amended, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Selectman Fay echoed Mr. Maxant's earlier remarks congratulating both Selectman McCreary & Luca on their re-elections. Selectman Fay expressed his concern re low voter turnout 625 voters of a total of 4000 registered voters in Town. The Board discussed placing banner back up and perhaps changing elections from Monday to Tuesday for better voter participation in the future.

Agenda item #1. Re-Organization of Board of Selectmen-Chairman McCreary opened the Floor for nominations
Chairman- Selectman Fay nominated Selectman Connie Sullivan, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Vice-Chairman-Selectman Fay nominated Selectman Gilles, 2nd by Selectman Sullivan VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Clerk-Selectman Gilles nominated Selectman Fay, 2nd by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

Agenda Item #2. DPW-

1. USCP Permit EPA/MDEP dated 4-30-10 NEPES. Selectman Fay moved the Board vote to approve as presented by Supt. Nason and authorize the Chairman's signature 2nd by Selectmen Luca VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

2. Supt. Nason presented the Town's annual report re Household Hazardous Waste Compliance with State. Selectman Fay moved the Board approve and authorize the Chairman's signature, 2nd by Selectman Luca, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

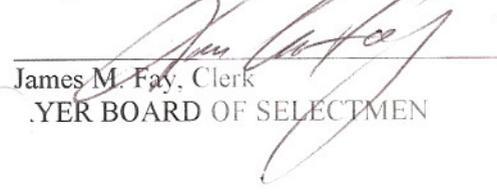
Selectman Sullivan advising Supt. Nason to illegal dumping of pipe, TV, oil tank thrown on Groton Harvard Rd- near Oakridge Drive near edge of road.

Agenda Item #3 Public Hearing Continuation of 4-14-09 re Fy-10 finalize budget and close 5-11-09 Spring Town Meeting Warrant-Mr. Suhoski presented the Board his Fy-10 Omnibus Budget depicting two scenarios Option A add \$33K in cuts and Option B depicting pro rata cuts. The Board reviewed budget options proposed and made the following budget adjustments: Dept. 200 Insurance-Casualty reduced by \$5K to \$130K, Dept. 300 after a great deal of discussion

The Board voted to approve leaving the police cruiser as part of the Capital Budget requests Selectman Gilles moved the Board vote to fund borrow under the Capital Budget Requests to purchase and equip Police Cruiser, 2nd by Selectman McCreary, VOTE: Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Fay aye, Selectman Gilles aye, Chairman Sullivan aye, Selectman Luca no 4-1 motion passes. The Board voted to reconsider their 4-21-09 vote and voted to reestablish Article 19 Capital Stabilization-Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus \$15K motion to approve made by Selectman McCreary, 2nd by Selectman Luca VOTE: Selectman Luca aye, Selectman McCreary aye, Selectman Fay aye, Selectman Gilles aye, Chairman Sullivan no 4-1- motion passes. Dept. 700 Planning & Development the Board approved reducing this line item by \$4K to \$38K and to fill this position with a part-time director/staffing and to reduce the Information Technology IT budget by \$6K to \$10K and to reinstate COLA for the Moderator, Board of Assessors and Tree Warden (3%/ea). The Finalized Fy-10 Budget includes 3% wage allowance for all non-union and new AFSCME union employees, does not include any STEP adjustments for employees subject to the Compensation Plan, includes full shift staffing for the Fire Dept. with \$20K call-back Over-time reduction for a finalized \$22,028,381.00 Fy-10 Omnibus Budget. The Board took this opportunity to publicly recognize all the hard work of the various Boards, Commissions and Officials that went into the Fy-10 Budget i.e. Tri-Board (Fin-Com, School Committee through the Supt. of Schools and the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Accountant). The Board reviewed and approved the 5-11-09 Spring Town Meeting Warrant as presented by the Town Administrator and advised to the warrant being mailed to all town residents and warrant also being placed on the Town Web Site prior to Town Meeting.

Agenda Item #3. PanAm Construction-The Board voted to approve the Town Administrator writing a letter to Ford Motor Co., re the PanAm construction starting up over the Town's aquifer and reminding them of USEPA concerns in their 2008 environmental comment letter to the STB.

9:00p.m. Selectman Luca moved the Board adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Selectman Gilles, VOTE: unanimous, so moved.

 -DATE: 4/28/09
 James M. Fay, Clerk
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