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**Lawrence H. Davis, III, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
Tara B. White
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of November 26, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM.

All members were present.

Chairman Lawrence Davis, III inquired if a letter was sent regarding Lakeside Road. Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput confirmed that twenty letters were sent to the abutters of Lakeside Road earlier in the day. Chairman Lawrence Davis, III also inquired about a meeting regarding Lake Buel. Selectmen Tara White commented that she knew that they were trying to fix the problem at the end of Lake Buel, however New Marlborough has not received any current updates on this issue until earlier today. She has not been to any of the meetings that they have had. Apparently Monterey has been having meetings for months but no minutes were sent to New Marlborough. Selectmen Nathaniel Yohalem stated that minutes were sent today. He also stated they had a recent conference call with State Representatives, Selectmen, and some other people. There is a meeting this Monday December 3rd, at Monterey Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the flooding issue with Lake Buel. The minutes reflected a conference call with the Board of Selectmen and the State Representatives. They submitted an application for funding to study the problem and have been turned down. Administrative Assistant Michael Skorput stated that they received funding a couple years ago when Dan Moriarty came to New Marlborough. New Marlborough gave \$10,000 to be applied towards the project. Selectmen Yohalem thought the amount was \$20,000. The bottom line in regard to the conversation was to highlight the meeting on Monday December 3, 2012. They would like representatives from the selectboard and conservation commission in New Marlboro to attend. Selectwomen White inquired as to "what exactly are they looking for?" Selectmen Yohalem thinks that they want to find out what we are prepared to do about the issue. "We have not discussed it and do not know anything about it". Selectmen Yohalem stated he will attend as an observer and report back. Mr. Skorput will also attend.

A tentative meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers is set up for December 12, 2012. This date may change to December 11th depending on the availability of schedules.

Selectmen Yohalem confirmed that Administrative Secretary Nicole Reid and one of the highway workers will receive holiday pay as stated in the personnel policy.

Selectmen Yohalem stated a letter was received from the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Company inviting the Selectmen to schedule a meeting with them to discuss a lease for the police cruiser in the Fire Station which is owned by the Fire Company. He that we should follow up with

this meeting. Mr. Skorput recommended that the Chair of the Selectmen and the President of the Fire Company should be the ones to do this.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to open the Classification Hearing at 6:45PM.

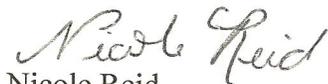
Marsha Pshenishny opened the meeting recommending one tax rate. She stated that it just does not pay to do a split tax rate in the Town of New Marlborough. "There is not enough revenue, industrial and commercial to split it. The split rate would ultimately hurt the little businesses". She stated the Town is looking at a rate of \$8.98 if it passes. It is a \$.21 increase over last year. She also stated we have an excess levy of \$2,749.33.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the recommend tax rate. This was a two to one vote. Chairman Davis opposed the vote.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve a motion to adjourn the classification hearing at 6:55PM.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid

Administrative Secretary