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

Minutes of August 6, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM.

All members were present.

Police Chief, Scott Farrell appeared before the Board to discuss police details. Chief Farrell stated that currently there is a 7.5 percent administrative fee (money that comes into the town to offset the paper work). New Marlborough's detail rate per hour is on the low end when compared to surrounding towns. Chief Farrell mentioned that most towns charge a 10% administrative fee and he would also like to increase the detail hourly rate from \$39.00 per hour to \$41.00 per hour and the administrative fee from 7.5 to 10%.

Chief Farrell also stated that he has two applications for the part-time police officers position. Both applicants work as officers in Egremont. Chief Farrell will review all applications that come in after an advertisement is placed and make his recommendations to the Board for appointment. Chief Farrell also informed the Board that he has a new gas credit card from the State Bid and his department will no longer use the Exxon/Mobil credit card. Chief Farrell will explore the options for the Highway and Cemetery Departments to join the program.

The Board inquired if the letter was sent out to the two abutters of Gedney Farm who complained about the noise and they were advised the letter was sent.

The meeting minutes of July 23rd were accepted as amended.

The Chair advised the Board that he attended a meeting in Great Barrington for Region #1, Southern Berkshire County Regional Emergency Planning Committee. The Chair also mentioned that he brought back a packet for the Board to review. Some of the items discussed at the meeting were volunteers, Red Cross, and Police coverage. Mr. Davis also mentioned that this committee, composed of 12 towns including New Marlborough, will be looking for an article to be placed on the Town's annual town warrant in the amount of \$500.00 to help defray costs.

Selectman Yohalem advised that he met with the Fire Department last Tuesday night for about two hours to discuss their concerns. The Department had two main concerns. The first being the lack of support from the Selectboard, and second, the two letters that were in the August edition of the 5 Village News, concerning the fire truck. In response to Chief Scala's comments, Tara White commented that the Fire Chief needs to let the Board know if and when a fire fighter or EMT rescue worker gets injured. Ms. White also mentioned this also applies to mutual aid. Tara White stated that the Board does not always know when someone is injured or when mutual aid has been involved if it is not notified. The Board requested a letter be sent out to the Fire Chief stating the

Board would like to be notified when mutual aid happens and when an employee fire fighter or EMT is injured. Ms. White also mentioned that she feels the Board supported the Fire Department by acknowledging their work during the storms last year as well as asking for volunteers for the department.

The Board received a letter from property owner, Egon Fromm in the Lake Buel area regarding Lakeside Road. The property owner wants the Town to maintain the road and states that the Town has done so in the past. He asked "why" has the Town stopped taking care of it"? The status of roads' report states that Lakeside Road is a private road. The Highway Department does not take care of private roads. The Board believes that in the past one of the former Highway Superintendents might have done some work on Lakeside Road. The Board feels that a private road is the responsibility of the property owners or the association to maintain the roadway.

The Board reviewed the appointments of Assistant Town Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Tax Collector and Town Constable. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the following:

Name	Position
Jennifer Goewey	Assistant Town Treasurer
Mike Skorput	Assistant Town Clerk
Kathy Chretien	Assistant Tax Collector
Peter B. Marks	Town Constable

The Chair recused from voting on the above appointments.

After a brief discussion a motion was made, and so voted to appoint Mr. Jeremia Pollard as Town Counsel.

Mr. Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, would like to purchase two generators for the Town Hall and for the Highway Department. Mr. Marks also mentioned that he had moved the weight limit signs for the bridge on Norfolk Road up to East Hill Road as per Mass DOT. Mr. Marks also stated that Joe Wilkinson is working on a quote for the bridges and Maxymillian Construction was not interested in giving a quote as they are too busy at this time. Mr. Marks also informed the Board that he located an 8ft. tube, but the tube cannot be used for the culvert on Clayton Mill River Road as per the Mass DOT Bridge Inspector. Mr. Marks stated that the Town will have to purchase a flat bottom tube that might cost \$1,600.00 - \$1,700.00.

The Board reviewed the status of bridges. Mr. Marks and the Town are still waiting to see if the State appropriates \$150,000.00 for design, planning and engineering of bridges. Mr. Marks advised the Board that the first phase of work will start around the 21st or 22nd of August for the Canaan Southfield Road project.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid
Administrative Secretary