



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

**April 1, 2013**

The Meeting was opened at 5:00pm

**Board Members Present:** Lawrence H. Davis, III Chairman  
Nathaniel Yohalem  
Tara White

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Nicole Reid, Administrative Secretary  
Steve Mack, Foresight Land Services  
Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent

**Review, discuss, and sign warrants, correspondence and minutes.**

The meeting started at 5:00pm with engineer, Steve Mack from Foresight Land Services. The Board previously met with Steve in February regarding design and engineering services for the Clayton Mill River Bridge. Meeting with him this evening was intended to reaffirm details, and timelines.

**Selectmen Yohalem:** "How long from beginning to end, from the time you start until we have traffic rolling through?"

**Steve Mack:** "You are most likely going to be breaking ground next spring."

**Peter Marks:** "You are going to be breaking ground a lot earlier."

**Steve Mack:** "Well, say we were to start tomorrow, the MassDOT review can take up to 6 months to get through. Our part is maybe a month worth of work."

**Selectmen Yohalem:** "Prior to this?"

**Steve Mack:** "Yes. Then you submit it to MassDOT and it takes months."

Discussion continued with distress and concern. The Board and highway superintendent are worried about the safety of the bridge. It is a complicated and frightening issue as the Town is looking to take care of it; however State delays pose a great concern. The Board also discussed

various options of funding for this bridge [approximate costs are \$450,000]. It is uncertain whether it will be a stand-alone article presented at a special town meeting just prior to the annual meeting or listed on the warrant at the annual town meeting. Selectmen Yohalem inquired if the bridge can make it through another winter. Peter Marks stated "it is pretty tender under there". He also noted his concern for school buses. Discussion continued in regard to this bridge being closed and delays. The Clayton Mill River Bridge is in rough shape, and has been gradually getting worse.

The Board immediately transitioned into the Selectmen's meeting. There were no minutes for approval at this time. The items of correspondence included the Land Trusts' request to meet with the Board.

Land Trust members John Piasecki, Martha Bryan and Dick Stebbins appeared before the Board to present and discuss its interest regarding a parcel of land which recently became available. A map was provided to highlight the property the Land Trust currently owns. It also highlighted total amount of land available. Of the 8.1 acres available, the Land Trust is interested in 1.5 acres of this land. The Land Trust currently owns land next to the 1.5 acre they are interested in and have always wanted to build a trail on it. They have preciously spoken with Dave Hastings [Southern Berkshire Regional School District] and Jane Burke [Flying Cloud Institute]and it is mutually agreed that "this is an "opportunity for the kids to see this trail as a four seasons situation to show what happens in nature." The trail would also serve the community.

The Land Trust is willing to leave it on the tax rolls and suggested paying taxes on its current parcel in addition to the proposed 1.5 acres. The Selectmen discussed figures and additional details. The tentative proposal is approximately \$4,800.00 in back taxes; restore the balance of the Land Trust property, and add the 1.5 acres to the tax roll. The remaining 6.6 acres can be auctioned off. The Land Trust would also pay for the survey.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:05p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid  
Administrative Secretary