



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

**April 8, 2013**

The Meeting was opened at 5:00p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Nicole Reid, Administrative Secretary  
Steve Mack, Engineer, Foresight Land Services

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

**The minutes of March 27, 2013 and April 1, 2013 were approved as amended.**

**Review and discuss options for Clayton Mill River and Campell Falls Bridge**

The Board began its meeting with Engineer, Steve Mack of Foresight Land Services. Steve was here to update the Board on his visit to Campell Falls. He stated that it was in "rough shape" and that the superstructure would need to be replaced. An exact amount could not be determined at the time. The engineer did suggest a temporary bridge which should last a long time. Steve is confident we can install a temporary bridge for under \$175,000.000 in a short time. The temporary bridge will buy some time and prevent the Campell Falls Bridge from being closed. The Board suggested contacting MassDOT and confirming the temporary option. At the Selectmen's meeting on April 1, 2012 the Board discussed its concerns regarding the condition of the Clayton Mill River Culvert and potentially closing it. Highway Superintendent, Peter Marks and Mr. Mack determined temporary repairs can be made to sustain the culvert the while the Town adheres to the State process of obtaining special permits and approvals to rebuild it.

**A motion was made seconded and so voted to execute the contract with Foresight Land Services Dated April 1, 2013 for the engineering of the Clayton Mill River Bridge replacement and related work.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the warranty details of the trash compactor.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the survey and next steps for the MassWorks funded project also known as the Canaan Southfield Bridge [Foley Culvert].

Additional correspondence included information from the Treasurer in regard to property the Land Trust is currently interested in. The total parcel is 8.1 acres and the Land Trust is interested in a small portion of it. The Board requested that Tax Assessor Marsha Pshenishny call the Land Court and ask if the land could be divided in order to sell it.

Vacation time from April 17, 2013 – April 22, 2013 was approved for Tax Assessor, Marsha Pshenishny. Vacation time from July 8, 2013 – July 12, 2013 was approved for Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the following Budgets for FY14**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>
Town Records Preservation	\$26,122.00	\$5,000.00
Town Hall Account	\$35,000.00	\$38,000.00
Umpachene Falls State Park	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Emergency Management Salary	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
Emergency Management Expenses	\$3,150.00	\$3,275.00
Animal Control Officer	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00
Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$1,470.00	\$1,539.00
Berkshire County Communications	\$8,400.00	\$9,137.00
Household Hazardous Waste	\$1,350.00	\$1,100.00
Community Health Program	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Visiting Nurse Association	\$2,451.00	\$2,447.00
Berkshire Regional Group Purchasing	\$600.00	\$600.00
Town Hall Renovation Loan	-	14,788.00
Highway Truck Loan	-	42,907.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$12,500.00	\$16,500.00
Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$64,000.00
Group Insurance	108,800.00	148,122.00
Veterans District	\$5,712.00	\$5,684.00
Berkshire Regional Planning	\$1012.00	\$1037.00
Gas Inspector	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Electrical Inspector	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Police Department Rental *	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Police Details	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>Special Articles</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>
Veterans Benefit Trust (FC)	\$6,700.00	\$8,000.00
Town Hall Renovations (FC)	\$65,000.00	\$45,000.00
Police Software (FC)	-	\$18,685.00
County Road Drainage (FC)	-	\$10,000.00
Village Green Expenses	-	\$3,500.00

\*The Board discussed this expense for the second time due to updated rental information.

The Board stated the discussion of salaries will take place at the next Selectmen's meeting. Selectmen Yohalem noted there is nothing in the warrant items about the bridges or the fire truck. He stated the replacement of the Clayton Mill River Culvert [a bridge less than 20ft in length is called a culvert] will be approximately \$450,000.000. Building a temporary replacement

for Campell Falls is \$175,000.00. Resident, Prudence Spalding inquired about the lifespan of a temporary bridge. The Board stated the temporary bridge can last "several years." Prudence Spalding also stated the Finance Committee passed the Fire truck request at \$560,000.000. Selectmen Yohalem inquired "do we need a new fire truck since we just put \$18,000.00 into the existing fire truck?" If the Town does need a new fire truck, it was stated that West Stockbridge a similar community, bought a new truck for \$390,000.00. After discussion regarding the bid process and costs, it was determined that the Board of Selectmen does not support a new fire truck at \$560,000.00. Until the bids are received it is difficult to put a price on the fire truck.

**A motion was made, seconded, and so voted that no department in this Town be permitted to advertise or receive a bid on any equipment. Any such bids and advertisements emanate from the office of the Board of Selectmen.**

#### **Review of Department Head Meeting**

Selectmen Yohalem provided an update on his quarterly department head meeting. The Town Clerk indicated that we need space for records and she was looking into alternatives to a vault. The problem with the vault is the cost, \$70,000.00 - \$90,000.00. The Assessor indicated there will be a re-evaluation in the fall and the Police Department will get the name of the person doing the assessment and the license plate of the car. The Tax Collector stated we have not had to borrow this year; quarterly billing has been really good. The Building Inspector's report was very optimistic, building permits are up. One exciting piece of news; "there will be major renovations at the Whip Factory." The Highway Department indicated that a one ton truck and a loader were needed in the coming year. Two new highway employees are beginning April 9, 2013. The cruiser can stay at the highway department as long as necessary. The Police Department is also looking at the Kolburn School. Neil Crawford was in from the rescue squad. The ambulance is looking to obtain insurance. "Neil explained years ago the ambulance squad came under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department because it could not get independent insurance. Now, in Lee its ambulance squad does have its own insurance. So he is looking into how they went about it and also what the costs would be." The next department head meeting will be in July.

Due to Patriots Day, the next Selectmen's meeting will be on April 17, 2013 at 5:00p.m.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid  
Administrative Secretary