



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**Tara B. White, Chair  
Michele Shalaby  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, January 5, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Tara B. White, Chairman  
Michele Shalaby  
Nat Yohalem

**Others Present:** Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 7:02 p.m.**

The Board read the minutes. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2014 meeting, as amended.**

**Joseph Kellogg** - Select Chair, Tara White, welcomed Joe Kellogg to the Town. Mr. Kellogg will be working as an Interim Administrative Assistant and will work Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He will attend Selectmen Meetings and other meetings as required.

**Appointment of Moderator** – It was determined that a Moderator need not be appointed at this time. A Moderator will be recommended at the next Town Meeting by the Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, and approved by the residents present.

**Bonds** – Bonds have been received for both Jenn Goewey and Ann Marie (Mari) Enoch.

**Berkshire Housing Development Corp.** – Regarding the letter dated December 29, 2014, Joe Kellogg will check to see if the Town can participate in grants offered by Berkshire Housing Development.

**School Bond Issue** - Chairman White reported that the Town had a meeting earlier in the day with representatives of the School Board Committee as well as Mark Carson from the Finance Committee. According to the School Board, public meetings will be held in each town to answer questions from the residents. The total cost of repairs to the school is \$7.7 million, of which the State will reimburse 39.2%, bringing the cost of the bond to \$4.6 million. New Marlborough's

portion of that \$4.6 million is 20.8%. Assuming a 3% interest rate on a ten year bond, the first payment of \$128,756 would be due and payable in December 2016. All five towns would have to approve this bond. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 6 to discuss the many issues surrounding the proposed bond. The School Committee will be voting on this bond on January 8, 2015. The School Committee then has 60 days to bring the bond issue to the Towns for a vote. If no vote is taken, the State assumed a "yes" vote. A discussed ensued regarding using private contractors as opposed to using the State contract and engineers in order to save money. The cost of the two pellet boilers is \$1.45 million (the proposal is for the third to be an oil burner) vs. \$150,000 each for the three oil burners, installed. The argument from the School Committee is that the pellet boilers will return approximately \$50,000 every year, i.e. a seven year payback. Joe Kellogg suggested that a School representative be present at the next School meeting to answer unanswered questions.

**FY2016 Budget** – The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Finance Committee on Thursday, January 8, 2014 at 7 p.m. Joe Kellogg reported that many of the FY16 budgets have been received.

**School Committee Members** – Fran Lartigue and Kristen Sparhawk will attend the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday January 12, 2015.

**Vacation/Personal/Sick Days** – Sharon Fleck will keep track of all vacation, personal and sick days. The 14 day advance notice for vacation must be strictly enforced.

**Administrative Assistant's Position** – Selectman Yohalem suggested that the Town would be seeking an employee to work 20 hours a week, a position that possibly could be shared with another town. Joe Kellogg stated he felt that only a seasoned, experienced municipal person could fill the position for 20 hours a week.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting 7:07 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary