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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: Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Fran Lartigue
Vito Valentini
Dennis Sears
David Hastings
Bruce Turner
Mark Carson

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 11:32 a.m.

School Bond – The repairs requested for the School Committee included:

1. New Roof – Seven cuts were made on the roof; two cuts exposed the fact that the membrane was deteriorating. This membrane was installed in 1992. The cost for the new roof is \$3,495,867 and would conform to State regulations.
2. New Boilers – It is estimated that new boilers would cost \$1,642,949. One boiler would burn oil and would be used as a back-up while the other two boilers would use pellets. Pellets leave less of a carbon print, and would return approximately \$45,000-\$50,000 per year to the district.

The total cost for these repairs/replacements is estimated at \$7,741,013 which includes mark-ups and contingencies. The State would reimburse 39.7% if MSBA standards are met. An example of a 10 year bond was given; New Marlborough's portion is 20.80%, making the Town's first year payment \$128,756 at a 3% interest rate.

Questions were asked of the School Board on how the prices for the boilers and roof started at \$3 million and ended at \$7.7 million. The School Board apologized and stated they were unaware of the mark-ups and the contingencies. Selectman Shalaby suggested that other estimates be secured from independent contractors; the School Board rejected that suggestion as it would incur additional costs and would have to be put out to bid. Chairman White asked about the other on-going school costs that now amount to approximately \$400,000 per year and how all that debt would affect the tax rate.

An informational hearing is being considered for Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

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 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary