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**Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
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Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015
6 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara B. White

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Tom Stalker
Richard Long

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:03 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to hold the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting.

MassWorks Grant

Sharon Fleck reported that the Town has been invited to attend a meeting at Great Barrington Town Hall on Friday, October 30, 2015, where announcements will be made regarding MassWorks "awardees." The Town has applied for a \$1 million grant for replacing culverts and repaving Clayton Mill River Road, as well as redesigning the intersection at Konkapot Road.

Broadband RFP/RFI Process

Richard Long discussed an RFP vs. and RFI. His feeling was that it would be advantageous to the Town to issue a Request for Information, which could be submitted by multiple towns. He felt many questions could be answered as a result and would help with the preparation of a Request for Proposal. He believed this would assist the Town in identifying potential operators, competition, etc. He also felt an RFI might be used in conjunction with other towns to form a review committee, or identify residents who may have expertise in developing an RFP, or who may have a financial or management background. Select Chair, Michele Shalaby, will speak with the Town of Leveritt regarding their RFI, and then proceed with an RFI for the Town of New Marlborough.

Governor Baker's Listening Review

A "listening session" will be held at the Mason Library on Tuesday, November 24, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to ask the towns what specific regulations could be changed/modified in order to better serve its communities. The Town would like to have questions regarding Prevailing Wage, "no bid" alternatives, health insurance, etc. addressed at this meeting.

Town Administrator Updates

Mari Enoch reported that last week she attended Boot Camp for New Town Administrators and Managers sponsored by MMA.

Selectmen's Updates

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015. Both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee were requested to attend by Superintendent Hastings.

Selectmen, Nat Yohalem, reported he attended a Shared Services meeting last week, along with Sheffield and Sandisfield. Sandisfield was enthusiastic about the meeting and will attend future meetings. Great Barrington is also interested in attending Shared Services meetings, however, no one was available to attend the meeting held last week. The next Shared Services meeting will be Tuesday, November 17 at 10:30 a.m.

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 at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary