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Tara B. White, Chair  
Michele Shalaby  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Board of Selectmen

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Tara B. White, Chairman  
Michele Shalaby  
Nat Yohalem (by phone)

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

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:00 p.m.**

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow Nathaniel Yohalem to participate in this Selectmen's Meeting by telephone.**

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the minutes of the January 5, 12, 21 and 24, 2015 Selectmen's Meetings dated June 18, August 25, September 15, 17, and 18, 2015 as amended. Nathaniel Yohalem abstained from this vote.**

**Police Officer** – Police Chief, Frank, presented Jay Keefner to the Board and explained that Jay will continue to do “ride-alongs” with the Police Officers. Jay has been through training. His salary will be \$11-\$12 per hour and will increase later. The Town has also been approved for the use of tasers. Training will begin shortly. Police Chief, Frank, also advised that RAD classes will begin next month and run for three consecutive weeks. **A motion was made, seconded and so approved to hire Joseph Keefner as a part-time officer for the Town of New Marlborough.**

**Wired West** – Tim Newman advised the Board that 44 Towns are involved in the Wired West Project. Forty per cent (40%) participation in each Town is required for this project to move forward. Tim further explained that larger Towns would be serviced first, as they would then begin to receive revenue from those Towns. He further explained they Wired West hoped to have a positive cash flow in year 6, thereby allowing some monies to be returned to the Towns.

Tim Newman presented the Board with a letter, pamphlet and sign-up form that he would like the Board to sign. A sign-up fee of \$49 would be required from each resident wishing to participate.

The cost of mailing this packet would be borne by Wired West. Selectman Yohalem was not in favor of the Board signing this letter as he felt the letter indicated endorsement by the Board. An informational meeting will be scheduled, enabling residents to come in and have any unanswered questions/concerns answered.

**Vo-Tech** – John and Brooke Humes attended the meeting regarding their son participating in the Vo-Tech program during the 2015-16 school year. Although their son is attending Vo-Tech school now at Canaan Valley, the Board explained that the Town could not pay for his tuition now, as the required paperwork had not been received prior to April 2015 and, therefore, not part of the budget. The paperwork for the 2015-2016 school year has been received. The Board requested three things from John and Brooke Humes, i.e. confirmation of residency, confirmation of tuition of \$7992 for the coming year and confirmation that they will provide transportation for their son to attend the Vo-Tech program.

**Meeting with State Senator and Representative** – Selectman Shalaby suggested that a meeting be set to meet with Rep. Pignatelli prior to the Town Meeting in March. Joe Kellogg will set up a meeting, or a telephone conference call, to discuss Wired West, the School bond issue, etc .

**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 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary