



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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2015
5 p.m.**

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

Others Present: Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Peter M. Gay

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 5 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of February 5, 9, 19, and 23, as well as March 2, as amended.

Treasurer's Position Applicants - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Mr. Peter M. Gay for the position. Mr. Gay has an extensive background in accounting and insurance and was advised that if he were selected for the position of Treasurer, he would have to take classes to become a certified Treasurer as well as be instructed in the use of the Softright accounting program.

A second applicant was unable to attend this meeting and will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at 1 p.m.

Select Board's Recommendations on the SBRSD Bond – After considerable discussion, the Board decided it was best for the community and the students to support the SBRSD on the bond issue as these repairs were necessary.

Wired West – A set of eight maps were given to the Town to verify the number of homes, cottages, etc. Mr. Tim Newman took one of the maps in an effort to confirm the existence of homes, cottages, etc. Joe Kellogg called MBI to advise them they would not have verification of maps, as the Town did not have the resources or time to verify all dwellings in the allotted amount of time. This non-verification was not to be construed as approval of the maps by the Town. The Town and MBI didn't expect to get confirmation from many towns. The \$3.07 million cost to the

Town for Wired West will be put on a warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen authorized Chairman White to send a letter to MBI stating that the Town would be unable to confirm the accuracy of the maps.

Town Structure – Joe Kellogg advised that two resumes had been received for the position of Administrative Assistant.

Updates – Joe Kellogg advised there may not be enough money in the Administrative Assistant's salary account; however, if needed, he stated there is extra money in the insurance account.

Selectmen's Updates – "Winter Roads" has a balance of \$54,000. The Town may have to deficit spend in order to cover added expenses if additional snow storms occur in March.

The Town is still awaiting a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Humes stating that they will provide transportation for their son to attend Vo-Tech school in Connecticut. Joe will prepare an article for the Annual Town Report to cover the tuition cost for this student and also contact the Humes regarding the letter.

Mower – Initially, Monterey, Sheffield and New Marlborough were going to share the cost of a mower that would be housed in New Marlborough but Monterey stated it was not in a position to pay 1/3 the cost. Joe Kellogg will reconfirm with Monterey their final decision before inclusion in our warrant.

Joe advised that "free cash" articles included the Unemployment Trust Fund, Stabilization and Chuck Loring had talked to the Finance Committee about a generator for the garage.

A separate meeting will be planned with the Finance Committee to discuss special articles for the Annual Town Meeting, as well as "free cash" that will become available, anticipation of debt levels, fire truck borrowing, etc.

Chairman White will confirm that Dave Hastings will once again be in charge of the Memorial Day activities.

Joe Kellogg will discuss with MIIA if restored historic headstones can be insured. John Schreiber had made an inquiry regarding this subject at a previous meeting.

An email was received from Judy Hattendorf regarding resigning from the Planning Board. Judy Hattendorf must send a letter of resignation to Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, for this to be effective.

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 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary