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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Joint Meeting with Finance Committee
Monday, May 4, 2015
5:02 p.m.**

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

Others Present: Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Mark Carson
Prudence Spaulding
John Pshenishy
David Herrick (by telephone)
Jeremia Pollard

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee convened at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman, Tara White, because of time constraints, decided that the minutes of April 9, 13, 17 and May 1, 2015 would be held until the May 11, 2015 meeting.

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow David Herrick to participate via telephone. Dave Herrick abstained from the vote.**

Annual Town Meeting – Joe Kellogg has prepared the motions for the Board of Selection to read at the meeting. A moderator (Barry Shapiro will be recommended) will be appointed from the floor. Jordan Chretien will speak at the meeting regarding the robotics team, and their success in St. Louis, MO. Barry Shapiro will read the Articles with line items. “Holds” will be placed on Articles where there are questions; however, the Article will be presented for a vote. Once the questions are answered, the “holds” will be voted on separately. The Board of Selectmen discussed who would field questions about the various Articles for which there may be questions.

Selectman Yohalem suggested there may be questions regarding “free cash.” Tara White then explained that there is \$396,965 currently in “free cash,” and if all the Articles pass (\$262,100), there would be a balance of \$134,865.

When the vote for Wired West is presented, Tim Newman will suggest the vote be “postponed” until all the unanswered questions can be answered.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Budget – A motion was made, seconded and so voted by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to not change their “not recommended” suggestion on the school budget.

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 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary