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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
6 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair (by telephone)
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Richard Long
Graham Frank, Chief of Police

- 1. The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tara B. White, Vice Chair.**
- 2. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow Nathaniel Yohalem, Chair, to participate in the Board of Selectmen's meeting, via telephone, due to geographic reasons. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the September 19 and 23, 2016 meetings.**

Police Updates - Appointments

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the following part-time police officers to a one-year term, commencing October 5, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

**Edwin Deming
Nicholas Felix
Daniel Hamill
Kyle Kemp
John Mullen**

Southfield Speed and Parking Signs

Police Chief, Graham Frank, was advised by residents on Norfolk Road of an on-going speeding problem in the center of Southfield that has worsened since the road has been paved. A resident requested permanent electronic speed signs and offered to solicit donations to fund them. Graham would also like to install speed signs in Mill River center. Since the Town cannot accept donations for a specific purpose without Town Meeting approval, it was decided that the issue would have to be addressed in the FY18 budget. Graham will also address the parking concerns in Southfield as cars parking along Norfolk Road are often in the road. He may request amending the existing parking regulations for tickets and towing. Nat also wants to confirm with Chuck that he will be painting the crosswalks in Southfield and Mill River.

Shared Services

Graham Frank advised he will be unable to attend morning Shared Services meeting on October 18 due to training but may be able to attend if the meeting were rescheduled to the afternoon.

Halloween Hours

Police coverage will be available on Halloween (October 31, 2016) from 5-7 p.m. during trick-or-treat hours. There are no activities scheduled at the Southfield Church for Halloween

Broadband

Richard Long reported he received a revised draft of the RFP for Broadband in the morning. The release date is set for Friday, October 7, 2016. He also reported he felt that the Town's RFP was being highly scrutinized, believing that MBI wants to use New Marlborough's RFP as a template for other towns.

Richard also advised that Charter Communications (a cable company) may enter into the picture offering a product that is felt not to be as good as fiber but relieving the town of all costs. A contract with a private communications provider requires a Special Town Meeting approval, however, a cable franchise agreement requires only Selectmen approval. After a discussion with the Board of Selectmen, it was agreed to issue the RFP on October 7, 2016 as planned. If MBI requires changes to be made to the RFP, an addenda will be issued or the Town will withdraw the proposal.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to issue the RFP for broadband on Friday, October 7, 2016.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Nat Yohalem, expressed his thanks to Richard Long and the Broadband Committee for a "terrific" job and also conveyed his thanks to Town Administrator, Mari Enoch.

Town Administrator Updates

Mari advised that the draft of the Broadband Procurement Home Rule Petition had been sent to Jeremia Pollard, Town Counsel, and he had no further comments. The Board of Selectmen must determine the amount of the override and whether it will seek additional voter approval at a later time. Mari will contact Rep. Smitty Pignatelli's office to have it forwarded to House Counsel for comment.

Sharon Fleck advised that the MassWorks contract is being revised and will be sent next week to Boston for approval.

Board of Selectmen Updates

Board of Selectman, Tara White, advised that because the gutters on Town Hall were installed incorrectly, there is leakage in the Great Room. An estimate of \$20,000 was received. Mari will consult the new thresholds of the procurement laws which will go into effect on November 7, 2016.

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 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary