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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
6 p.m.**

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

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Joe Poindexter
Alan Lombardi
Freddie Friedman
Charles Loring
Prudence Spaulding

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:05 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the March 7 meeting, as amended.

Mill Stone Project

Joe Poindexter and Alan Lombardi presented their plans for a mill stone, with a base, to be placed at the rear entrance to Town Hall. The mill stone would be placed on a concrete base with a brass plate containing information and history of the mill stone. The stone was donated by John Sisson.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow the New Marlborough Historical Society to install a mill stone on a concrete base at the rear entrance to Town Hall. (Tara White recused herself from the vote as she is on the board of the Historical Society.)

FY17 Budgets

Police – Police Chief, Graham Frank, would like to add a six hour shift on a weekday evening. Graham also indicated the need for a cruiser, as the current cruiser has over 100,000 miles on the odometer. A new cruiser would cost approximately \$60,000 which includes a \$10,000 radio. Graham is exploring additional sources of radios that may cost less. He would like to keep the existing cruiser as a backup.

Transfer Station – Freddie Friedman presented his budget for FY17 and advised he would like to standardize all Transfer Station employees to be paid hourly. He also stated he would like to have one

additional person at the Transfer Station on Saturdays. He will work with Prudence Spaulding, using the Senior Tax Work-off program to fill this need. Freddie will rework his Transfer Station Expense budget, using updated figures.

Highway Budget – Projected salaries for the Highway Department include:

1. A contractual increase of \$3250.00 for Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring.
2. An increase of four hours for the clerical employee
3. A new full-time employee's salary at \$42,000/year.
4. A \$.75 increase for Highway employees.

Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, explained his request of \$153,236.00 for the repair of two roads: Norfolk and Corashire Roads. If a bond for road repair is not sought, he has prioritized the road plan and would start with those two projects.

Town Administrator Updates

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, reported that a letter has been received from the MBI (Massachusetts Broadband Institute) along with the Baker-Polito Administration, advising they are continuing to define the last-mile broadband challenge.

Sharon Fleck notified the Board that a fully executed contract has been received from MassWorks for the Clayton Mill River Road project.

Selectmen's Updates

Board of Selectmen Chair, Michele Shalaby, advised a meeting with Dave Hastings, along with representatives from the other four towns in the SBRSD, has tentatively been scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

Selectman, Nat Yohalem, volunteered to continue to act as the municipal representative for SBRSD, Unit D, negotiations.

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 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary