



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH  
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**Michele Shalaby, Chair  
Nathaniel H. Yohalem  
Tara B. White  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 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  
Tom Stalker  
Richard Long  
Mark Carson  
Emily Rachel  
Josh Irwin  
Kathleen McCormick, Esq,

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:00 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting, as amended.**

**Alcohol Beverage Control Commission – 229 Food & Farm LLC**

Kathleen McCormick, Esq., representing 229 Food and Farm LLC, advised that the restaurant is a story and a half and 3600 sq. ft. Emily Rachel will be the license holder and Josh Irwin will be the chef; both Emily and Josh are each 50% owners of the business. There will be one entrance and two exits. There will be seating for 34 patrons inside and 24 outside. The hours of operation will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The applicant is applying for a seven day license, although they are planning on being open from Friday through Tuesday. The last call for both food and alcohol will be 9 p.m. Selectman, Tara White, questioned where patrons would park and was advised by Josh Irwin that there is currently parking for fifteen; overflow parking will be in the field that has been cleared. There were no abutters present and no communication was received by any of the abutters.

**A roll call vote was taken to approve the issuance of an All Alcoholic Liquor License for 229 Food & Farm LLC, located at 229 Hartsville New Marlborough Road, New Marlborough, MA 01230:**

<b>Michele Shalaby</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Nathaniel H. Yohalem</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Tara B. White</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**BUDGET**

The following budget items were discussed:

Police Cruiser	\$ 53,000
Hot Box	\$ 25,000
F350 with Plow	\$ 47,000
Road Project	\$165,000
Excavator	<u>\$140,000</u>
	<u>\$290,000</u>

Under the current proposed budget, the Town would be 7.22 per cent (\$187,604) over Prop 2-1/2,

Excavator - Selectman Tara White stated that the Town has a contract with Joe Wilkinson who also could supply the Town with an excavator. Resident, Richard Long would like a return on investment analysis done using the roads that Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, would like to do vs. the life span of an excavator vs. using Joe Wilkinson. According to Chuck Loring, he believes the excavator payback could be in as little as 5-6 years. Tara indicated she would like the residents to vote on the excavator being taken from Stabilization, which requires a 2/3 vote.

FY18's proposed capital plan includes an F550 truck (\$120,000), grader (283,000) and roof repair (25,000) at Town Hall for a total of \$428,000.

Tax Collector's Salary – The proposed salary for FY17 is \$25,284 which includes a 2-1/2% salary increase, the assistant tax collector's salary, and an increase in lieu of fees. Further discussions included the Department of Revenue's suggestion that the fees collected be kept by the Town and increasing the Tax Collector's salary by that amount.

Conservation Commission – Selectman, Tara White, suggested raising fees charged by the Commission in order to fund a \$4,000 stipend for the chairman or agent. It was proposed that the stipend be paid out of an existing Revolving Fund. Michele Shalaby recused herself from the discussion because of a personal conflict of interest in a large personal project that is/will be before the Conservation Commission. Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, will check to determine if there are restrictions on the revolving fund.

Tree Work – Selectman, Tara White, would like to see \$25,000 in the budget and not \$15,000.

Police Cruiser – Selectman, Nat Yohalem, discussed Prudence Spaulding's objection to keeping the existing cruiser as a backup, fearing it will create a precedent for keeping two vehicles. However, the Board discussed the benefits of keeping a second cruiser outweigh not keeping it.

Warrant – Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised she will have a draft of the financial articles for the Thursday, March 31, meeting with the Finance Committee.

Transfer Station Stickers – Will be discussed at an upcoming meeting with Freddie Friedman, Solid Waste Coordinator.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised that Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, was going to Ft. Dix, NJ, to pick up a surplus Army truck for \$500 that he will use for parts.

Mari Enoch advised that Stantec has given Concrete Systems, Inc. (CSI) revised specifications for the Clayton Mill River Culvert

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to sign the change order from Concrete Systems, Inc. for the Clayton Mill River culvert, with Selectman Shalaby recusing herself due to a potential conflict of interest with her dam that abuts the culvert.**

Household Hazardous Waste Program – **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to sign the agreement for the Household Hazard Waste Program.**

## **SELECTMEN'S UPDATES**

Board of Selectman Chair, Michele Shalaby, announced there is a meeting on Wednesday, March 30, with Tolland, Sandisfield, Monterey, and possibly Tyringham regarding updates on the broadband initiative.

**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 8:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary