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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 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  
Diego Gutierrez  
Tom Stalker  
Richard Long  
Freddie Friedman  
Tim Newman

**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 hold the minutes of the March 28 and April 4, 2015, meetings.**

**SPECIAL PERMIT**

Diego Gutierrez, Architect, representing Sophia and Antonio Montero, 95 Downs Road, New Marlborough, MA, explained that the Special Permit application was to build an 8 foot extension to the rear of a existing pre-existing, non-conforming residential structure. The proposed addition would encroach approximately 8-10 inches into the side setback. There were no abutters present and no correspondence received.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Special Permit for Sophia and Antonio Montero to build an 8 foot extension to the rear of an existing pre-existing, non-conforming residential structure located at 95 Downs Road, New Marlborough, MA 01230.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Michele Shalaby</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Nathaniel Yohalem</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Tara White</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## **TRANSFER STATION**

Freddie Friedman recommended that two stickers be issued to each resident purchasing a \$105 Transfer Station permit. He has contacted Sam Corbin who will tailor the drawing of New Marlborough's office town flag to a black, white and blue static sticker for residents' cars. The FY17 Transfer Station stickers can then be purchased at Town Hall, the Transfer Station or on-line. Purchases made after August 15, 2016, will be charged \$150.00.

## **WARRANT**

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised that a 2/3 vote will be necessary to transfer monies from Free Cash to Stabilization. The Board of Selectmen will have a meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss wording of articles for the warrant. It was also decided that all financial items should be on one page. The articles will be arranged on the page displaying the greatest amount of money to the least.

## **SCHOOL BUDGET**

Selectman, Tara White, voiced her objection to the School Budget, stating she would not support it. She further explained that the School Board's lack of response every year to the concerns of the Town regarding the budget was her reason for this decision. Selectman, Nat Yohalem, felt there were only three ways the budget could be cut:

1. Cut the capital budget.
2. Terminate employees.
3. Close outlying schools.

If asked, each individual selectman could make a statement on the warrant as to whether or not they supported the passing of the budget.

## **BROADBAND**

Richard Long wrote the ad for the Town seeking volunteers to participate in a Broadband Committee, who will be charged with planning for and bringing broadband access to the Town. Volunteers with skill sets in fiber optic networks, wireless technologies networking or network design, engineering, project management, municipal finance knowledge or legal experience would be especially welcomed. The ad will be placed on Maggie's list, New Marlborough Five Village News (NM5VN), as well as in the Library and the Mill River General Store. Those interested should contact Sharon Fleck at Town Hall, by telephone (413-229-8116) or email ([sfleck@newmarlboroughma.gov](mailto:sfleck@newmarlboroughma.gov)). by May 15, 2016. Charge of the committee as well as number of people on the committee will be discussed at a later date.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised she received a call from Mass Gathering regarding a "10K run" on May 30. After a discussion with the Police Chief, Graham

Frank, it was suggested that Mill River Great Barrington Road will be closed between the hours of 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 30 for the runners.

## **SELECTMEN'S UPDATES**

Selectman, Nat Yohalem, advised the Board that he, and many others, received an email from: [NMBdSelectmen@aol.com](mailto:NMBdSelectmen@aol.com) requesting they add their names to a petition supporting broadband. Nat will contact [NMBdSelectmen@aol.com](mailto:NMBdSelectmen@aol.com) requesting that email address not be used, as it can be misinterpreted as an endorsement from the New Marlborough Board of Selectmen. A phone call will be followed up by a letter, requesting that the [NMBdSelecmen@aol.com](mailto:NMBdSelecmen@aol.com) email address not be used.

Treasurer's Position – Selectman, Tara White, asked when an ad will be placed for a new Treasurer. It was agreed that an existing ad will be revised and placed for a Treasurer to begin employment July 1, 2016.

Revolutionary War Memorial – Sharon Fleck advised she has been in contact with Tom Moses, Tom Vincent and Courtney Turner and will have them set up a meeting to discuss a Revolutionary War Memorial for the Town. Subsequently, Tom Moses would like to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on June 27, 2016 to further discuss this issue.

Concrete Systems, Inc. (CSI) – Sharon Fleck has been contacted by CSI who would like an approvals on the revised drawing. The drawings were sent to Stantec for their review and approval. Mari Enoch to follow up with CSI.

Broadband Letter – A letter will be sent to Governor Baker's office requesting the Town receive confirmation, prior to the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, that the "pause" be lifted for the Last Mile Program. In addition to that request, the Town will offer its support and participation in the discussions the Baker administration will be hosting with municipal officials.

Vacation **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve vacation days (April 20-21) for Kathy Chretien and (April 12 – ½ day, April 13-15) for Marsha Pshenishny.**

**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 7:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary