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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 25, 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  
Holly Morse  
Sandra Annis, National Grid  
Barry Shapiro  
Richard Vinette, Jr., Counsel  
Richard Long  
Tom Stalker

**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 March 28, April 4 and April 11, as amended.**

Pole Hearing – Sandra Annis, representing National Grid, presented the Board of Selectmen with a petition to move three poles and install three poles on Clayton Mill River Road at the intersections of Brewer Hill Road and Konkapot Road.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize National Grid to install new poles in order to maintain proper clearance and relocate utilities out of road-way islands that will be eliminated as part of road layout project on Clayton Mill River at the intersections of Brewer Hill Road and Konkapot Road. Sandra Annis indicated it is estimated that these poles will be relocated and installed mid-summer 2016 and that there should be no cost to the Town.**

Planning Board By-Law Change – Holly Morse, representing the Planning Board, asked for, and was granted, the support of the Board of Selectmen for the proposed by-law changes, which will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

Moderator and Town Counsel for New Marlborough Annual Town Meeting – Both Barry Shapiro, Moderator for the Town, and Attorney Richard Vinette, Jr., representing Counsel

for the Town, were present. Discussions revolved around how to proceed in case the Prop. 2-1/2 override vote should fail. The pros and cons of dissolving the Town meeting or adjourning it to a later date in the fiscal year were discussed and the Board felt that, given all the variables, it would be best to call a special town meeting in FY17 should that be necessary. The Board will want to hear Counsel's opinions to make a final decision. Articles 24, 28, 33 and 38 will require a 2/3 vote in order to pass vs. just a majority vote.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Treasurer's Position – Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, has prepared an ad for the Treasurer position (currently filled by Baystate Municipal Accounting Group) that will be posted on Maggie's List, the Town website, Craig's List, "The Berkshire Edge," the "Shopper's Guide" as well as on the Massachusetts Treasurer's website.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the ad for a Town Treasurer (Tara White recused herself as she is part of the financial services group for the Town).**

Mass Works Grant – The first of the monthly telephone meetings with MassWorks will take place on Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

## **SELECTMEN'S UPDATES**

Selectman, Tara White, reports she attended a School Finance Sub-committee Meeting on Thursday, April 21, in which Chris Regan gave a comprehensive review of the school items. Chris reported there is approximately \$140,120 in Excess and Deficiency (E&D) that may be used to resolve the assessment issue. A vote to amend the school budget will be taken by the School Committee on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Broadband – Board of Selectmen Chair, Michele Shalaby, announced she will be attending a meeting with representatives from neighboring towns to discuss broadband issues with Matrix on Wednesday, April 27, 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 8 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary