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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, May 16, 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  
Mark Carson  
Prue Spaulding  
Tom Stalker  
Richard Long

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:02 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted approve the minutes of April 14 and April 25, 2016, and approve the minutes of April 29, April 30 and May 2, 2016 as amended.**

**REORGANIZATION**

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to name Nathaniel H. Yohalem as Chairman of the New Marlborough Board of Selectmen for the next year (Nat recused himself from the vote as the vote pertained to him.)**

**REVIEW OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Board of Selectmen Chair, Nat Yohalem, discussed the fact that there were two items that did not pass at the Annual Town Meeting:

1. The Village District Bylaw change proposed by the Planning Board.
2. The Article to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Stabilization.

Additionally, two amendments were made on the floor of the Town meeting:

1. \$50,000 was transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to the Stabilization account.
2. \$55,000 was transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to the school operating and transportation budget.

The result of the Annual Town Meeting is a reduction of the amount needed on a Proposition 2-1/2 override to \$55,000. Because the 2-1/2 override ballot question failed, the following options were discussed:

1. Reduce the budget by \$55,000 by reducing budget line items.
2. Ask the Town to vote an override of at least \$55,000 plus a cushion.
3. A combination of both options. Nat Yohalem spoke to Chuck Loring, Highway Dept. Supervisor, who said he can eliminate \$10,000 from his Machinery Budget.

Tom Stalker suggested that the Finance Committee review the FY17 budget and recommend to the Board any budget reductions.

Board of Selectman, Michele Shalaby, suggested that the Town request “relief” from the SBRSD School Committee on the school budget.

Nat Yohalem disclosed to the Board his desire to also suspend the Egremont School in the same manner as was done for the Monterey School. This issue will be revisited at the May 23 Board of Selectmen’s Meeting.

The Board asked that the Finance Committee reorganize as soon as possible, and address the budget.

#### Broadband Committee

**A motion was made, seconded and so moved to approve Richard Long, Tom Stalker, Steven Klein, Owen Wright and Michele Shalaby to the newly formed Broadband Committee.** Michele Shalaby will be the point person reporting to the Board of Selectmen

#### Transfer Station Price Increase

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the increased fees at the Transfer Station, effective June 1, 2016 (see attached).**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

#### Hot Box

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, reported that the cost of the Hot Box is \$50,128. The manufacturer agreed to charge only \$50,000 as that is the budget which will be shared

equally with Sheffield. Nat Yohalem would like a signed agreement with Sheffield before the Hot Box is ordered.

Mari Enoch reported that the Town Clerk received a letter from Holly Morse resigning from the Planning Board. The Planning Board will be asked for a recommendation to fill the vacancy. Mari also reported that Marilyn Fracasso has accepted a three year term on the Finance Committee. She was a write-in candidate at Town election.

## **SELECTMEN'S UPDATES**

The Hadsell Street bridge road layout still has to be completed. The State will allow New Marlborough to use the existing survey.

The plans for Memorial Day are complete. Tara White, announced they are still looking for veterans to either walk or ride in the parade. The parade participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the school for the 9:00 a.m. parade that will end at the Library. The speaker will be Mark Bachetti

Michele Shalaby, stated she received a message from Jenn Goewey, Director, Senior Center in Sheffield, inviting residents to attend a meeting on age-related issues on June 14, 2016.

Michele Shalaby announced she has a scheduling conflict for the May 23 Board of Selectmen's meeting. The Board decided to meet on Monday, May 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Michele Shalaby also reported that she received a copy of a presentation made at a meeting with the Governor's Administration broadening the options the towns can use in choosing which broadband path they choose.

Nat Yohalem announced "point people" for the following:

Nat Yohalem Shared Services

Tara White Route 57

Broadband Michele Shalaby

Clayton Mill River Culvert and Mass Works Grant Sharon Fleck

Nat Yohalem shared with the Board that another Shared Services meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of June 2016.

Nat Yohalem also announced he is reinstating the monthly department heads meeting to be chaired by Town Administrator, Mari Enoch.

Nat also stated that, in a conversation with Highway Superintendent, Chuck Loring, and Land Trust Chairman, Martha Bryan, that there are no town properties acceptable for a land swap with the Cemetery Commission, nor has any Town resident offered to donate any land. Nat advised he would like to attend the next Land Trust meeting to address the

cemetery land and a possible payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on the Hadsell Street parcel.

There is a drainage problem on North Road (formerly New Marlborough Monterey Road) causing erosion by the Meeting House. One solution would involve draining into Land Trust land. Nat Yohalem will discuss possible solutions to this problem with Chuck Loring and with the Land Trust at their next meeting.

Nat also discussed the need to review the contracts of the Police Chief, Town Administrator, Highway Superintendent and Fire Chief.

After a discussion regarding the \$350 Maguire invoice for the single stream compactor at the Transfer Station, it was agreed for this to be paid.

In the event the Tree Warden requires additional funds during FY16, he must first send a request to inform the Board of Selectmen before going to the Finance Committee.

Mark Carson announced he is working with the Planning Board and the Land Trust to acquire land for water for the villages that may require water resources.

**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 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary

# TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH

## TRANSFER STATION

### NOTICE

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

#### CHARGES FOR FURNITURE DISPOSAL:

SOFAS, COUCHES	\$25.00
CONVERTIBLE SOFAS	\$30.00
BOX SPRINGS	\$25.00
MATTRESSES	\$25.00
UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS	\$20.00

#### CHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION MATERIALS:

LIMITED TO A 250 PICKUP TRUCK AND ONE LOAD PER  
HOUSEHOLD PER WEEK \$100.00

#### ALL OTHER ITEMS:

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	\$25.00
REFRIGERATORS	\$25.00
AIR CONDITIONERS	\$25.00
TELEVISIONS	\$25.00
TIRES:	
CARS	\$ 5.00
WITH RIMS	\$ 8.00
TRACTOR/TRAILER	\$20.00