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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2016
6 p.m.**

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

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:06 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016, meeting.

FY17 Budgets

Department heads have agreed to the following additional budget reductions:

Machinery Expense	\$10,000
Assessor's Revaluations	3,000
Assessors Computer Contingency	2,000
Tax Title (Collector)	1,500
Assessor's General Expenses	1,000
Town Records Preservation	1,000
Propane	2,000
Library Expenses	3,000
Police Dept. Expenses	200
Umpachene Falls Park	1,000
Building Inspector Expenses	500
Animal Expense	600
Council on Aging Transportation	2,000
Group Insurance	<u>23,000</u>
Total Budget Reductions	\$51,800

Further possible budget cuts include Fire Protection and Rescue Expenses. Prior to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting, Board of Selectmen Chair, Nat Yohalem, and Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, will discuss these possible reductions with Fire Chief, Chuck Loring, and Maureen Krejci of the Rescue Squad.

Letter to Southern Berkshire Regional School District

A letter has been prepared requesting Carl Stewart, Chairman, Southern Berkshire School District School Committee, to review the budget for any additional reductions that can be made to the FY17 School Budget. Copies will be sent to the other four town's Boards of Selectmen.

Town Hall Renovations

Mari had nothing new to report and has asked Sharon Fleck to assist in the project.

Treasurer Applicants

Three applicants were interviewed for the Treasurer's position. A decision will be made regarding the chosen applicant. Mari will contact references.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Hadsell Street Bridge

Final plans for the Hadsell Street Bridge are being made. Both Mari and Selectman, Tara White, spoke with Karen Axtell, MassDOT Right-of-Way Division who clarified many issues. Property owners will be contacted to inform them of this project.

Highway Update

Chuck Loring indicated he had money available in his Salary Account to hire a person to weed-whack around the guardrails. The Board has requested from Chuck the name of an applicant and rate of pay. A letter was sent to Sheriff Bowler's office in February regarding their Community Service Program and having workers weed-whack for the Town. Although no response was received, they will be contacted again to determine if that program is still available.

Employee Plaques

The Board considered acknowledging employees who have been employed by the Town at ten-fifteen-twenty-twenty-five and thirty year intervals. This conversation will be continued.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES

Broadband

Selectman, Michele Shalaby, reviewed the first meeting of the Broadband Committee, stating that Richard Long was chosen as Chairman. A trip to Leverett is planned for July 5. The next meeting of the committee is tentatively planned for June 8.

Appointments

Nat Yohalem advised that an email was received from Barbara Lowman, requesting that she be appointed to the Cultural Council. A Right-to-Know Officer will be appointed by the end of June.

Shared Services

Nat advised that a Shared Services meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 21 in Sheffield.

Summer Schedule

The summer schedule for Board of Selectmen meetings is scheduled as follows:

Monday	June 27	6 p.m.
Monday	July 11	6 p.m.
Monday	July 25	6 p.m.
Saturday	August 6	10 a.m.
Monday	August 15	6 p.m.
Monday	August 29	6 p.m.
Monday	September 12	6 p.m.

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