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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 27, 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
Tom Adams
Tom Vincent
Courtney Turner
Jim Parish

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:01 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the June 20 Board of Selectmen's meeting as amended.

Revolutionary War Memorial

Tom Adams, Tom Vincent, Jim Parish and Courtney Turner presented the Board with their suggestion for a monument celebrating the soldiers and sailors from New Marlborough who fought in the Revolutionary War. Jim Parish will work with Tom Adams in identifying those soldiers and sailors, with the help of the Daughters of the American Revolution list.

Employment Contract

The Employment agreement with Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, was approved.

Appointments

A list of firemen, EMT's, Assessor's and Library personnel will be collected so appointments can be made. Clarification of Cultural Council appointees also needs to be done.

Highway Bids

Two bids were awarded as follows, per recommendations from Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring:

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to award the Chip Seal bid to All State Asphalt which was the low bidder at \$92,497.26. The total square feet for the single chip is 46,424.45 while the total square footage for the double chip seal is 4,972.22.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to award the Canaan Southfield Road paving bid to Tri-Town Paving who was the low bidder at \$134,561.88.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Warrant – Special Town Meeting

The July 25th Special Town Meeting warrant will include the entire FY17 appropriation budget as recommended by Town Counsel and agreed to by the Board. The Warrant must be posted by July 11.

Hadsell Street Bridge – The layout of Hadsell Street, Canaan Southfield Road and Umpachene Falls Road in the vicinity of the Hadsell Street Bridge was put on hold by the Planning Board at the June 22 meeting. Selectman, Tara White, will attend the next Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 6 to convey necessary information and answer questions. Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, reported that Gretchen Long has donated her temporary easement to the Town.

Clayton Mill River Road Project –Mari reported that the Conservation Commission did not have a quorum and, therefore, postponed the hearing on the Clayton Mill River Road culverts to Saturday, July 9, 2016.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES

Board of Selectmen Chair, Nat Yohalem, expressed his praise for Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien for opening Town Hall on Saturday, June 25, for a couple seeking a marriage license. Nat will write a letter of commendation to be put in Kathy's file, as well as nominating her for "Town Clerk of the Year."

Nat also thanked Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, for the professional job she did in asking and receiving cuts to the FY17 budget from different department heads.

Nat advised he attended a Shared Services meeting in Sheffield with Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring. Also attending were representatives from Sheffield and Great Barrington. Discussions revolved around the Ambulance and Rescue Squads. Chuck will discuss ideas with the Rescue Squad and pass that information on to Rep. Pignatelli, who is addressing cooperation in South County. Selectman, Tara White, suggested that perhaps Connecticut might be interested in a multi-town cooperation. Dispatch will be an issue and perhaps can be resolved through the Community Compact. There is a Land Trust meeting on Saturday, July 2. Selectman Yohalem will attend to discuss:

Burritt Day Parking – The field, normally used for parking is occupied by grazing cattle. Mike White offered parking on his property, as did the Land Trust.

Rt .57 Drainage – The drain to eliminate erosion will run under Rt. 57. Chuck Loring will advise the Land Trust of details as it may involve their property off Rt. 57.

Cemetery – Nat will suggest a donation of land adjacent to the Southfield cemetery be made to the Town and the Town may be amenable to deeded use restrictions.

PILOT - The Joffe property taxes of \$2,600 might be paid as part of the PILOT program (Property in Lieu of Taxes).

Transfer Station Lease – Select Chair, Nat Yohalem advised that the lease for the Transfer Station expires on June 30, 2016. Nat will redraw a new lease, requesting a 3 year least with a 3 year option. The current lease is \$7,000 per year. Nat will suggest a 10 per cent increase over a three year prior with an option for an additional three years with an increase of 10%.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary