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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 11, 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
John Hotaling
Jack Bellinger

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:05 p.m. The minutes of June 27 were held until the July 25, 2016 meeting.

Hadsell Street Right-of-Way

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised that Jane Tant donated one parcel of land, measuring 365 sq. ft. and a temporary easement of 177 sq. ft. She is the third property owner to donate land/easements to the Town for the Hadsell Street Bridge reconstruction.

Appraisal

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, advised that Dr. James Rippe, of Canaan Southfield Road, requested an appraisal of his property for the right-of-way needed for the Hadsell Street Bridge. O'Connor Real Estate Associates was contracted for \$3925.00 to appraise one parcel and two permanent utility easements. Dr. Rippe has 30 days to respond to the Town's offer of \$500.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize the Town Administrator to make an offer of \$500 to Dr. Rippe to acquire a 499 square foot parcel of land and two permanent utility easements.

State Bridge Repair Grant

Nat Yohalem reported that the State has \$50 million in grant monies available to communities for design, construction and repair of bridges not longer than 20 feet and in immediate need of repair. BSC has suggested a letter be sent to our State Representatives and Department of Transportation requesting that the Town submit an application to repair three bridges that are more than 20 feet in length:

Lumbert Cross	27 feet
Canaan Southfield	36 feet
Keyes Hill	34 feet

These roads are used extensively by trucks that now exceed the weight limit imposed by the State, making it necessary for these trucks to take circuitous routes. These bridges would require very little permitting and would cost a total of \$500,000 to extend the life of all three bridges.

Tax Maps

The Board authorized Board of Selectman Chair, Nat Yohalem, to sign the maintenance agreement with Cartographic for \$2900 to upgrade the tax maps.

Transfer Station Lease

A letter has been received from Maurice Brazie, who leases the Transfer Station property to the Town. Mr. Brazie has offered to keep the yearly lease amount at \$7,000 for three years. Selectman Michele Shalaby suggested that the Town Administrator meet with Maurice and Freddie Friedman prior to agreeing to these terms.

Mutual Aid Shelter Plan

Tata White attended the meeting with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. New Marlborough has been asked to adopt an agreement for a Southern Berkshire Emergency Shelter at Simon’s Rock College in case of a large-scale catastrophe. The Town would only be charged for the number of Town people who use it and the services they would require. There are no costs associated with signing this agreement.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Nat Yohalem to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement Addendum for a Regional Shelter Plan between the Town of New Marlborough and participating local governments

Tree Removal Policy

This discussion has been tabled until the Town Administrator can speak with the Tree Warden.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

The Board of Selectmen will meet with Moderator, Barry Shapiro, at the Selectmen's meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016.

Mari reported that she will attend the Planning Board meeting scheduled for July 13, 2016 to address any questions about the road layout for the Hadsell Street Bridge.

The Board of Selectmen agreed that the "High Speed Internet Signs" on public roadsides were in violation of the Town's sign policy. Mari will ask Police Chief, Graham Frank, to notify the company to remove them. If not removed, he will have them brought to Town Hall and the owner advised to pick them up.

A revised budget has been received from BSC for their engineering costs for the MassWorks Grant. The increase amounts to approximately \$10,000. A copy of that revised budget will be sent to Erica Kreuter at MassWorks for her approval.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES

Broadband

Selectman, Michele Shalaby, advised the Broadband Committee is meeting with Frontier Communications on Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m. which will present a conceptual proposal to provide fiber to New Marlborough.

Senior Work-Off Plan

Nat Yohalem received a letter from Prudence Spaulding, Chair, Council on Aging, advising that sixteen seniors worked a total of 850 hours. The total time exceeded by 220 hours the time for which those seniors get paid.

Vacation Requests

Vacation requests were received from Sharon Fleck for the week of August 29 and from Marsha Pshenishny for the last two weeks of August. Marsha will be asked to have someone from the Assessor's office available to answer any questions. Both requests were granted by the Board.

Town Clerk

Nat Yohalem advised that Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, completed four more courses for which she has received four certificates of completion.

Appointments

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Tim Newman the Wired West Delegate.

The Agricultural Commission will remain in the hands of the Board of Selectmen until additional members are selected.

Police Chief Contract

It was reported by Nat Yohalem that the contract for Police Chief, Graham Frank, is not yet complete. Nat Yohalem commended the Police Department for the job it does.

Land Trust

Nat Yohalem updated the Board on the Land Trust meeting he attended. He reports that the Land Trust will donate land to the Cemetery Commission, however, there may be restrictions attached to that donation. He also reported that the Highway Department and the Land Trust have resolved the drainage issue at the intersection of Route 57 and North Road (near the Meeting House).

Fire Works on July 4

John Hotaling voiced his displeasure with the fireworks that were set off during July 4. He was advised to report the abusers to the Police Department and file a complaint.

Lines on Roads and Zoning Board of Appeals

Jack Bellinger voiced his concern about the lack of painted lines on County Road. He was advised that the Highway Department has contracted to have various roads in Town lined in the near future. Jack also would like the process for when the Zoning Board of Appeals is needed vs. just the Building Department. Both Jack and Tom Carmody, Building Inspector, will be invited to attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss this issue.

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