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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Saturday, August 6, 2016
10 a.m.**

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

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
The Fassetts
Charles Loring III
Tom Stalker
Prudence Spaulding

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 10 a.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the June 27 and July 25 minutes as amended.

One Day Alcohol Permits

An application was received from the New Marlborough Fire Company requesting a one-day beer and wine alcohol permit for Saturday, August 20, 2016 for the New Marlborough Fire Company Annual Pig Roast.

A motion was made, seconded, and so voted to approve the one-day beer and wine alcohol permit for the New Marlborough Fire Company's Pig Roast on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

An application was also received from the Berkshire Hatchery Foundation requesting a one-day beer and wine alcohol permit for Sunday, August 21, 2016 for its Annual Lobster Fest.

A motion was made, seconded, and so voted to approve the one-day beer and wine alcohol permit for the Berkshire Hatchery Foundation's Annual Lobster Fest on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

The \$50 application fee was waived as the organizations are both non-profit.

Highway Vehicle Disposal

Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring presented the Board of Selectmen with a list of Highway vehicles, two of which he would like to put out to bid and sell as surplus. The two vehicles are a 2004 F550 that has 90,000 miles on it and a 2008 F350 pickup with 146,000 miles on it, for which he would keep the plow and sander. Selectman, Michele Shalaby, would like to meet with Chuck, Mari and Mark Carson, Finance Committee Chair, to discuss the future purchasing needs of the Highway Department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Hadsell Street Right-of Way

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, announced she received an email from Dr. James Rippe, wherein he donated 499 sq. feet to the Town as well as two permanent easements for utility poles. This completes the right-of-way land donations and easements necessary for the Hadsell Street Bridge replacement.

Dr. Rippe also requested that the new bridge be named the Peter Marks/Hadsell Street Bridge to acknowledge Peter Marks' years of work for the Town and as the Rippe's Grounds Supervisor. Board of Selectmen Chair, Nat Yohalem, stated that there are no bridges within the Town that are named for a resident, and the Board agreed and that a precedent should not be set for the Hadsell Street Bridge. A letter of gratitude will be sent to Dr. Rippe. Dr. Rippe will also be advised in that letter that the Town does not name bridges after individuals.

Vacation Request

The Board of Selectmen granted vacation time to Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, for August 19 and 22. She stated she will be attending a class on Wednesday, August 17, but will work at Town Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

Bridge/Culvert Letter to MassDOT

A letter regarding the Town's possible participation in a \$500,000 grant from the State to repair bridges/culverts will be ready for signature on Monday, August 8, 2016.

Clayton Mill River Culvert

Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, announced he may be able to begin work on the culvert the week of August 15. Joe Wilkinson Excavating will remove the existing footings so that Mike Johnston can do the concrete preparation work necessary for the delivery of the concrete culvert. That section of the road will be closed for approximately one month once construction begins. Nine residents will be affected by short-term power outages. A reverse 911 call will be made advising residents of this closure as well as radio announcements, Maggie's List, and the Town website. Traffic will be diverted over Hayes Hill and Brewer Hill Roads.

Beaver Deceiver

Chuck Loring advised the Board that the Highway Department was given a \$1,500.00 grant for a Beaver Deceiver to be installed on Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road. The Town currently spends \$2,000/year on a maintenance agreement for the existing Beaver Deceivers.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES

Broadband

Selectman, Michele Shalaby, reported that Richard Long attended (Michele phoned in) an MBI meeting in Boston on of August 3 to discuss the opportunities with Frontier Communications. Representatives from MBI, Massachusetts Tech, as well as Bill Ennen and Peter Larkin, representing the Governor's Office, came together to discuss the steps necessary to enter into an agreement with Frontier Communications. It may be necessary for the Town to enter into a Home Rule Petition due to the fact that the Town would enter into a long-term agreement with Frontier Communication that would not involve the Town to build or own the system. Michele requested that the Town Administrator, who is also the Procurement Officer, get involved in the committee meetings. Michele advised that the proposal with Frontier is still conceptual and that the Town does not have a formal agreement from Frontier. Select Chair, Nat Yohalem, asked if MBI was going to put up 1/3 of the monies necessary for this project. Michele explained that there is design and construction money from MBI but the details are not yet agreed to, i.e. if the Town chose not to use MBI for design and make-ready work, would the Town still get funds from MBI. Nat Yohalem suggested that the Broadband Committee sit down with Frontier Communications and iron out terms of the agreement point by point. Michele then went on to state that the Governor's Office, MBI, Frontier Communications and the Town are all in agreement to move this project forward as soon as possible.

Per Tom Stalker, Richard Long discussed Frontier Communication's commitment to the Town with MBI. Frontier wants MBI to do the pole count and the make-ready application, pay for it and then transfer it into Frontier's name. Frontier will provide the Town with information regarding procurement information. Nat then proposed, within a bullet point agreement with MBI, that those points include the things MBI is responsible for, i.e. pole counting, permitting, etc. Michele assured the Board that Richard Long is making sure that all the pieces connect from MBI, Frontier and the Town.

Memorial Day Contingency Plan

Sharon Fleck has been in touch with Dave Hastings regarding the Contingency Plan for Memorial Day.

Transfer Station Lease

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, will set up a meeting with Maurice Brazie, to discuss the Transfer Station lease.

Umpachene Falls Rock Sculptures

All of the rock sculptures in the river in Umpachene Park have been dismantled. Any future artistry to be done in water in New Marlborough will be referred to the Conservation Commission, which may give its permission but with restrictions.

Baystate Municipal Accounting Group

Mari Enoch reported that Baystate will continue to finish the FY16 Treasury work in the Town even though its contract ended on July 31, 2017

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 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary