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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, October 6, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Tara B. White, Chairman  
Michele Shalaby

**Others Present:** Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary  
Marsha Pshenishny

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:02 p.m.**

The Board read the minutes. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the September 15 and September 22, 2014 Selectmen's meetings. The September 29 minutes will be held until the October 20, 2014 meeting.**

**Summer Storm Review** – Per Michael Skorput gravelling has been started and will continue for a week. Work on the culvert on Mill River Clayton Road will begin next week. The State has revised the deadlines for completion of work and submission of invoices. The road work must be completed by November 1, 2014 and invoices submitted by November 30, 2014.

**Review of Force and Electronic Control Weapons** – Police Chief, Graham Frank asked the Board if any of the Police Department Policies have been approved by the Board. Graham said he would like the Board to review these policies and would like to have them published after some updates are made. Graham presented two policies to the Board: Use of Force and Electronic Control Weapons. Both of these policies have been approved by the State (EOPS). The Board will meet with Graham next week, after it has the chance to review these policies.

**Treasurer's Position** – The Board has interviewed one person for the Treasurer's position and will interview another applicant on Friday, October 10.

**Tax Collector's Position** – Anne Marie “Mari” Enoch has been hired as a temporary, part-time Tax Collector to assist Kathy Chretien until a full-time employee is hired. Mari is currently a certified Tax Collector in Monterey. Her salary and hours will be negotiated between her and the Town. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to hire Anne Marie Enoch as an interim tax collector, effective immediately.**

**Community Choice Program** – Ten towns within Berkshire County hired Colonial Power to solicit different power companies in order to secure the best rate for all of the towns. The mailing that was sent to the citizens did include an “opt out” card. The power company selected was Hampshire Power whose rate is \$.12191/kWh vs. National Grid’s rate of \$.16273/kWh. Hampshire Power rates are effective November 1, 2014 and are valid for one year vs. National Grid’s rates which are valid for six months. Chairman White also stated that National Grid anticipated its charges to go up \$100 over this coming winter.

**Massachusetts Municipal Association** – There is a meeting on Friday, October 10 in Sandisfield that will be attended by Tara White, Michele Shalaby and Sharon Fleck.

**Tom Brazie's Cows** - Tom Brazie brought in a letter today that he asked to be put into the “record,” which is attached to these minutes. Chairman White read parts of the letter in which Tom explained the issues with his cows and keeping the citizens safe. He explained he does move the cows from field to field, but occasionally the cows are “spooked” and “when they’re scared they run.” Tom Brazie is especially concerned about traffic and the speed at which people are driving. At his house, the speed limit is 35 mph, but many people are driving 50 mph, or talking on their cell phone which does create a hazard when people are not paying attention to their driving. He acknowledged his responsibility for this problem but maintains his fencing is of the highest quality money can buy. Tom Brazie has invited Prudence Spaulding and John Springstube to inspect both the animals and the fencing.

**Classification of Real Property Hearing** - Chairman White announced that this meeting is a classification hearing that was posted in the “Berkshire Record,” in the October 3-9, 2014 issue. Pursuant to the Provisions of Mass. General Law, Chapter 40 Section 56, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors, in joint session, will hold public hearing on October 6, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. in the Town Hall, 807 Southfield Road, Mill River, MA. 01244. Said hearing shall be for the purpose of establishing the classification of Real Property for FY15 in the Town of New Marlborough. Tax Assessor, Marsha Pshenishny, recommended one tax rate, because there is not enough commercial property to have a split tax rate and that one tax rate would be for both residents and non-residents. Marsha also stated that once adjustments are made, a new tax rate can be set. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to have one tax rate for the Town of New Marlborough for the 2015 tax year . Chairman White made a motion to close the classification hearing which was seconded and so voted. All in favor:**

<b>Michele Shalaby</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tara B. White</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**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 6:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary