



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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 7, 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
Richard Long

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:03 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016.

Town Hall Repairs

Selectman, Tara White, advised she had received a quote from David Mahan for slate repair of \$1575.00 to replace approximately 35 slate and caulk nails on the gutter guards. Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, met with Adam Quennville who believed the damage was caused by ice damming and not as a result of nails used to hold gutters in place or missing slate tiles. John Kuhn also looked at the roof but did not respond with a formal quote.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to have Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, hire Mahan Slate Roofing Company to replace the 35 slate tiles and caulk the nail heads, in accordance with his proposal of November 1, 2016.

Appoint Representative to SBRSD Superintendent Screening Committee

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Jane Burke as the Town's representative to the screening committee.

Jane expressed a willingness and availability to be appointed. There is a listening session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Undermountain School for Town officials to express their opinions on the new superintendent.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Firefighter Training Recognition

Mari Enoch will send a letter of congratulations to David Smith, who successfully completed 240 hours of training by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and completed the Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program.

Broadband

Richard Long advised that the proposal received from Frontier Communications must be evaluated and qualified at the Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Broadband Committee meeting. The bid will be kept open for 30 days for negotiations. Richard suggested that the Board of Selectmen should be involved in this process as soon as possible. The award date for Broadband is Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Richard also advised that no other proposals were received.

Early Voting

Kudos were given to Kathy Chretien, Town Clerk, who successfully administered the Early Voting Program for the November 8 election. 275 residents voted in the two week early voting period.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATES

Board of Selectmen Chair, Nat Yohalem, reported that at the last Shared Services meeting, the Towns of New Marlborough and Sheffield agreed to pursue hiring a shared part-time Conservation Commission agent. This position will take effect on July 1, 2017 contingent upon budget approvals at Annual Town Meetings. Nat also advised that other towns, showing interest in shared services, will be invited to subsequent meetings.

A joint Board of Selectmen's meeting will tentatively be scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017. Nat will schedule this meeting, as well as subsequent meetings, with the Sheffield Town Administrator, Rhonda LaBombard.

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 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary