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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 29, 2016  
6 p.m.**

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

**Others Present:** Mari Enoch, Town Administrator  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary  
Sandra Annis, National Grid

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:04 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2015 meeting, as amended.**

**Pole Hearing**

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the request of National Grid to add a support pole near 178- 189 New Marlborough Southfield Road.**

**State Opioid Task Force**

The Board of Selectmen felt that the task force for opioid addiction in New Marlborough would best be handled with the Police Department. A copy of "An Obligation to Lead" from Massachusetts Municipal Association will be given to the Police Department and the New Marlborough Ambulance Corps.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Mari advised the Board that Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent, has closed River Road for the duration of mud season.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted for the Town Administrator to sign the contract for the MassWorks grant for repaving Clayton Mill River Road. (Michele Shalaby recused herself from the vote)**

A letter to Sheriff Bower, Berkshire County Sheriff's office, will be sent requesting assistance with some highway tasks, through their Community Service Program.

A letter will be sent to Burt Imberman thanking him for his years of service on the Finance Committee.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been approved and will be attached to the Personnel Policy for new employees to sign.

Town Administrator, Mari Enoch, reported that she and Selectman, Tara White, attended an MMA legislative breakfast meeting in Lee on Friday, February 26. Some of the issues discussed were the governor's budget, municipal reform, roads, bridges and Chapter 90.

Sharon Fleck reported that an updated TIPS (Transportation Improvement Program) project data form for Rt. 57 has been completed and will be sent to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Mari Enoch also advised that she and Sharon Fleck met with Joanne DeRose, National Grid, who advised that National Grid has requested a 5.5% increase in distribution rates from the Department of Public Utilities that would take effect in October 2016.

### **Selectmen Updates**

Selectman, Nat Yohalem, advised that employment contracts for Charles Loring (Highway and Fire Department), Graham Frank (Police Department) and Anne Marie Enoch (Town Administrator) must be reviewed and approved.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Michele Shalaby, will attend a Fire Department meeting at 7 p.m. on March 8 to view the recently delivered fire truck.

The meeting of the Selectboards of the five SBRSD towns will be held at 6:30 March 2 at the Sheffield Senior Center to discuss the FY17 school budget.

A meeting will be scheduled with Dave Hastings on Friday, March 4 to discuss New Marlborough's assessment on the school budget.

Proposed salary increases will be discussed at next week's Board of Selectmen meeting. Mari Enoch will present different scenarios of salary increases for the Board to review.

**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 7:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary