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**Lawrence H. Davis, III, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
Tara B. White
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of April 29, 2013

The Meeting was opened at 6:30p.m.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara White

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Nicole Reid, Administrative Secretary

Review, discuss, and sign warrants, correspondence and minutes.

The minutes of April 22, 2013 were approved as amended.

Chairman Lawrence Davis, III was unable to attend the meeting due to a last minute emergency.

Selectmen Yohalem read aloud items of correspondence including a letter from the MassDOT regarding the Campells Falls Road Bridge. The Board previously asked for a temporary across panel bridge to be supplied by the State. The State's response was that they want to inspect the existing bridge, they are moving up their normal inspection time from June to May and the State will respond in more detail after the inspection. Additional correspondence included an application for the Highway Superintendents Position from Charles Loring. Also included was a letter written from Charles regarding Todd Riska's position as clerk at the New Marlborough Fire Company. Mr. Riska previously retired from the Fire Department and there was some confusion as to his standing with the Fire Company.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the Fire Chief until June 30, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Charles Loring as interim Fire Chief through June 30, 2013.

It was brought to the Board's attention at the previous Selectmen's meeting that New Marlborough has not increased the inspection fees in a long time. The administrative assistant and secretary are in the process of researching fees from other Berkshire Towns.

There was discussion in regard to reverse 911 service. The Board inquired as to the status of this service. It was determined that the status was uncertain and administrative assistant, Michael Skorput will follow up on this service and report back to the Board.

Selectman White inquired about the status of the MassWorks grant. Selectmen Yohalem gave a brief update on a monthly phone call with MassWorks which took place earlier today. It was confirmed that we have to spend \$60,000.00 of the grant money by June 30, 2013.

Owen Obermen, present in the audience inquired about "inoperable" phone service at the Fire Department." Acting Fire Chief, Charles Loring stated "that the message system was full and he will clear it."

Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, present in the audience voiced her concerns in regard the Town following proper procedure when doing work on roads and Bridges, especially when the waterways are involved. It was noted that the Army Corps of Engineers must be notified. She stated that the "Governor and the President declared a State of Emergency during Irene and gave a sixty day window to pull debris out of the rivers." The Town was cooperative and ultimately was reprimanded for not following proper procedure.

Selectmen Yohalem is completely aware of this and stated that we should document everything in writing when we are in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers.

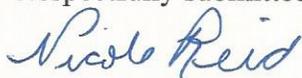
Mrs. Marchione also inquired about \$123,000.00 from the USDA in regard Hatchery Road. She would like to know where the money is and why we have not received it. The Board will follow up with this immediately. Mrs. Marchione had additional concerns in regard grant money coming in for Emergency Management. She is waiting on \$2,500.00 from FY2011 and \$2,000.00 for FY10. Selectmen White will follow up on this and report back to the Board.

The Board inquired if there was anything else from the audience.

Peter Scala, present in the audience inquired about the Canaan Southfield Bridge, [culvert 19 ft.] whether it was to be replaced or repaired. Selectmen Yohalem confirmed it was to be replaced. There was discussion from Highwaysuperintendent, Peter Marks, Administrative Secretary Nicole Reid, and Emergency Management director Barbara Marchione, about the size of the new structure. Selectmen Yohalem suggested calling Tom Loughlin of BSC Group to find out the details. Selectmen Yohalem also announced the design plans of the Bridge will ultimately be reviewed by the State.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid
Administrative Secretary