



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

June 10, 2013

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara White
Michele Shalaby

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

The minutes for June 3, 2013 were waived.

Mail Items and Announcements

A school committee meeting [building, grounds and technology sub-committee] to discuss capital needs will be held at 6:00pm on June 25, 2013 at the Mount Everett Library. Chairman Yohalem and Selectmen White will attend the meeting.

Also in the mail items was a request from the Planning Board to have an article placed on the warrant for the next scheduled Special Town Meeting. The reason for the article is to put before the voters of New Marlborough, the work of the Planning Board on revisions to the Towns protective by-laws.

BSC Group is meeting with the Conservation Commission this Saturday at 9:30am at the site [Foley Bridge], and a Public Hearing will be at 10:30am at the Town Hall.

Two applications have been received for the position of Emergency Management Director.

A letter was received from MassDOT indicating that the Town will get approximately 50% of the Chapter 90 funds, \$259,000.00.

The Clayton Mill River Road was closed earlier this day for guardrail installation.

The Board of Selectmen met with the Police Chief in Executive Session earlier this day to discuss updates on the investigation regarding missing items from the Fire Department.

This is an ongoing investigation. An Executive Session meeting also took place on Friday May 7, 2013 to discuss a letter received by Attorney, Edward McCormick.

Appointments for FY2014

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint the following positions as listed below. All were in favor except Selectmen White who abstained from voting on the accounting officer.

Office	Name	Expires	Term	Date of Appointment
Conservation Commission	Ned Wilson	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	John Weinstein	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Peter Marks	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Board of Appeals	Myron Jaffee, Co-Chair.	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Jack Bellinger	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Animal Inspector	Prudence Spaulding	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Sanitary Inspector	Scott McFarland	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Accounting Officer	Tara B. White	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Field Driver/Fence Viewer	Prudence Spaulding	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Assistant Gas Inspector	Donald Hopkins	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Don Hopkins	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Veterans Agent	Laurie Hills	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Building Inspector	Thomas Carmody	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Wiring Inspector	Richard Aloisi	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Cultural Council	Ned MacDowell	2013	3Yr	June 10, 2013
	Louise Yohalem	2013	3 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Claudette Callahan	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Regional Planning Commission Delegate	James Mullen	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Alternate Regional Planning Commission	Patricia Hardyman	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Council on Aging	Candace Marks, Chair	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Prudence Spaulding	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Joan Hotaling	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Director of Senior Services	Prudence Spaulding	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
Umpachene Park Commission	Edgar Zukauskas, Chair	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013
	Tom Billard	2013	1 Yr	June 10, 2013

The following appointments were placed on hold:

Fire Chief	Charles M. Loring	2013	3 Yr	Hold
Right to Know Officer	Larry Burke, Asst.	2013	1 Yr	Hold
Emergency Management Director	Barbara Marchione	2013	1 Yr	Hold

Vacancies

Conservation Commission, four vacancies
Umpachene Park Commission, two vacancies
Technology Committee, two vacancies
Wired West alternate delicate

MassWorks Update

The April funds were received and the May bills have been submitted.

Emergency Management Computer

The computer has arrived, it has been paid for and delivered.

FEMA / MEMA Meetings

At the previous Selectmen's meeting, the Emergency Management Director suggested quarterly meetings in regard to FEMA /MEMA grant money. Chairman Yohalem stated "that we do not know who the new Emergency Management Director will be effective July 1, 2013" and he suggests waiting until that person is appointed, find out exactly what we need at the meeting and perhaps inviting an official to attend that meeting. "So let's just wait until we know who the person is going to be and know a little bit more about what we have to do."

Highway Foreman [appointment and pay increase]

It was suggested by the Board to wait on this subject and discuss the subject with Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring. It was agreed by the Board that Mr. Loring should be the one to recommend what the increase should be and then present this to Board.

Storm Nemo

Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput has a few additional items to include in the paperwork prior to submitting.

Hazardous Mitigation

Selectmen White attended a meeting at the FEMA / MEMA building in Agawam, MA. There is approximately \$9,000,000.00 available for towns across the country. Selectmen White stated that one of the bridge repairs [Norfolk Road] may qualify for hazardous mitigation. Selectmen White and Administrative Secretary, Nicole Reid will review the information and do their best to apply for funding by August 30, 2013.

Transfer Station Repairs

Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput met with the engineers and the contractor. He is waiting on plans from the engineer which will be reviewed by the Building Inspector, and the Board of Health.

Blackboard Connect / Reverse 911

Selectmen Shalaby stated "It will be proposed that this service is primarily used for weather and fire emergencies, health advisories, road closures, and police emergencies. There could also be non-emergency uses that people can opt in or out of and this would be to get notification on government related things such as elections, and meetings, or items specifically for senior citizens."

Emergency Services Fund

Michele Shalaby has volunteered to be the Board's representative for the Emergency Services Fund.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted for Michele Shalaby to be the Board's representative for the Emergency Services Fund.

Announcement

Chairman Yohalem stated "that there are a couple of legal issues facing the Board right now". Owen Hoberman has agreed, without any fee, to consult with the Board as needed.

MassWorks Bridge Update

There was brief discussion in regard to detours and bid options for the MassWorks bridge project. Administrative Secretary, Nicole Reid, expressed concern in regard to the bridge being closed through the winter. The current schedule shows that construction will stop in the winter and start in early spring. Having the bridge closed over the winter would be a real hardship on the Town and the people that need to get through there. The Board agreed it would like to see multiple options in the bid package. It would be beneficial to see the costs to complete the majority of the work and have the bridge stable before winter instead of keeping the schedule as it is currently planned.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Reid
Administrative Secretary