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

Minutes of October 21, 2013

The meeting convened at 6:30pm.

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

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Bosworth, Administrative Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to approve the minutes of October 12, 2013.

Award of Bids

After a discussion a motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the bids from Century Aggregates for ½", ¾", 1½" and 3" minus crushed stone, bank run gravel and fill for the picked up amounts of \$10.00, \$9.50, \$9.00, \$9.00, \$6.50 and \$2.00 respectively and the for the delivered amounts for the same products at \$14.00, \$13.50, \$13.00, \$13.00, \$10.50 and \$6.00 respectively.

After a discussion a motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the bids from Joe Wilkinson Excavating Inc. for ¾" and 1½" crushed processed gravel for the picked up amount of \$10.50 each and the bids from Century Aggregates for the same products at the delivered amount of \$11.00 each.

A motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the bid from J. Donovan & Son Inc. for washed sand for the delivered amount of \$9.74.

A motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the bids from Joe Wilkinson Excavating Inc. for the following per hour equipment with licensed operator bids: 7500lb excavator at \$80.00 and with hammer \$100.00, 28,000lb excavator at \$95.00, 46,000lb excavator at \$100.00 and with hammer \$120.00, 7 yard dump body truck at \$75.00, 15 yard dump body truck at \$80.00, 7 ton bulldozer at \$90.00, 15 ton bulldozer at \$100.00, 10 ton vibrating roller at \$80.00, 3 yard loader at \$85.00, skid steer at \$65.00, 185 cfm air compressor on wheels diesel powered at \$50.00, and a laborer at \$49.00. No bids were received for the power box or 30,000lb road grader.

A motion was made, seconded and so approved by all members to accept the bid from Segalla Sand & Gravel Inc. for top soil for the picked up amount of \$17.00 and the bid from

Century Aggregates for the same product for the delivered amount of \$21.00. No bids were received for the Winter Roads Contractors.

Clayton Mill River Culvert

The estimate from StanTec for the Clayton Mill River Culvert repairs including a 10% contingency will be \$179,024.00 which excludes the costs of Town labor, equipment and any additional engineering. Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring, explained to the Board that the costs were estimated high to ensure proper funding of the project. Work will begin in the spring and will take 2-3 weeks before the repairs are final.

Brewer Hill Culvert

The Board and Charles Loring discussed options for repairs on the Brewer Hill Culvert taking into account that one only side of the bridge is severely deteriorated and unsafe. The estimate from StanTec for repairs to one side with a 10% contingency, excluding engineering costs, would be \$25,000.00. The Board will further discuss the matter in the Special Town Meeting Warrant portion of the meeting.

Tim Newman

Tim Newman from the Technology Committee came to the Board to discuss the matter of Internet and phone service through the fiber optic network for the Town Hall, Library and Fire Station. The Board was provided with quotes from Crocker Communications for the upgrades to both services, and after a discussion it was decided that Michele Shalaby will compare these costs with the Town's current Internet and phone expenses in order to provide a recommendation at next week's meeting.

Updates and Announcements

The Board discussed the repairs to the Transfer Station and is still waiting for Joe Wilkinson to provide costs on the project.

Chairman Yohalem asked that Administrative Secretary, Jessica Bosworth, contact J.H.

Maxymillian about signing the agreement contract for work on Foley Bridge, so that a pre-construction meeting may be set.

Charles Loring updated the Board on the Hadsell Street Bridge project. StanTec is interested in the engineering of the bridge and a representative from the company was sent documents by Mr. Loring for review. The State has moved the date to begin repairs from 2017 to 2015.

It was noted that no updates were available on quotes for a safe for Town Hall, a Town Hall security system and the Police Department software maintenance contract.

Buck Turner from the American Legion will provide a letter to the Board releasing the Town from any liability of items being stored at the Town Hall.

Chairman Yohalem read aloud and discussed items from the List of Expenditures, Administrative Assistant, Michael Skorput and Chairman Yohalem will call the office of Smitty Pignatelli regarding the \$150,000.00 earmarked for the Town for bridge repairs.

Chairman Yohalem announced the availability of grant money for the placement of solar panels within "green communities". A local expert on the subject will be available within a week or two to provide more information to the Board.

Treasurer, Pat Mielke, was asked to provide the Board with the addresses of the four properties that the Town owns due to nonpayment of taxes, along with the amounts of taxes and fees on each one. A discussion of an auction on the properties was set to take place at next week's meeting after the list was finalized.

Michele Shalaby gave an update of the walk-through she attended as the Board's representative at the New Marlborough Central School. Other attendees included various committee and school

faculty members. The purpose of the meeting was given as a “meeting of observation” to assess, as a group, the possible deficiencies of the building in preparation for the Annual Town Meeting. School Subcommittee Chairman, Vito Valentini, provided a written summary report of cosmetic improvements that could be made to the building while awaiting an Engineer’s report on necessary structural repairs and costs.

Chairman Yohalem read aloud a Special Permit Application from Laurence Jr. and Kim Casey to use 2541 Canaan Southfield Road as a storage location for Jay’s Lawn Care business.

Building Inspector, Tom Carmody, provided the Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals with copies of the *Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use and Planning Law* to review.

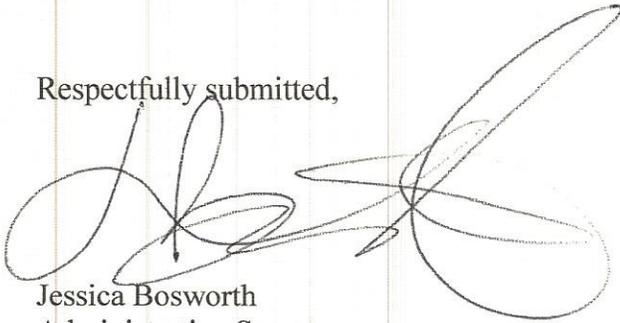
Special Town Meeting Agenda

The Special Town Meeting is set to take place on November 18th at 7:00pm. Chairman Yohalem read aloud and discussed articles including: borrowing \$180,000.00 for repairs on the Clayton Mill River Culvert, \$7,000.00 for upgrading phone services to the Town Hall, Library and Fire Station, \$1,562.00 transfer to the Group Insurance Account, transferal of \$40,000.00 from the Free Cash Account to lower tax rates, adjustments to the salaries of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk, and the \$30,000.00 cost of repairs to the Brewer Hill Bridge to come out of the Free Cash Account into the Brewer Hill drainage Account.

Michele Shalaby requested that the Board discuss at next week’s meeting, the grant research to be performed by Shayna Spencer, in greater detail. She also asked that Jessica Bosworth contact Miss Spencer to set an initial meeting between the three of them for a date after November 1st.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jessica Bosworth', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Jessica Bosworth
Administrative Secretary