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

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
May 19, 2014**

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

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Josephine Calverson
Chuck Loring
Mr. and Mrs. David Ralph
Jeffrey R. Lynch, Esq.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6 p.m.

The Board read the minutes. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Selectmen's meeting, as amended.**

National Grid Pole Hearing – Bonnie Brown from National Grid was present to discuss a new pole for 171 County Road, New Marlborough that would be located between Pole 10 and 11. The pole would be owned by both Verizon and National Grid. The property owner, Josephine Calverson, was also present, along with the abutters to the property, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. DeCarlo. Concerns regarding the location the pole were raised by the abutters; however, Bonnie Brown addressed their uneasiness and advised them the pole would not interfere with their property and would be located within the town lines. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the pole, wires and fixtures, etc. according to the petition that was submitted by National Grid for the property on County Road.**

Highway Bids – A bid was placed for highway trucks and the proper notices were placed; the bids were then opened on May 8, 2014 at 2 p.m. A bid was received for a 19,000 GVW Truck from H. P. Fairfield LLC. This was the only bid and includes two options plus a 5 year extended Premium Package. The total bid was \$93,418.00. This vehicle will replace the Superintendent's truck.

There has also been a bid received from H. P. Fairfield LLC for the 45,000 GVW truck which also met all procurement requirements. The body package is the same as for the 19,000 GVW truck. This is a Mack GU712 single axle truck. This truck price is \$119,987.00, plus the extended warranty (\$9,700.00) and 5-year extended Premium Package (\$87,210.00), plus the plow and sander for a total of \$216,897.00. A discussion took place regarding leasing vs. purchasing. The average life of this 45,000 GVW truck is approximately 10 years, although Mr. Loring feels that, with proper maintenance, their lifespan could be increased. Because of the wear and tear of these trucks, no leasing agencies were readily identified. Mr. Skorput suggested a lease option may be used in case of an emergency need for a truck. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve purchase of the two Highway Trucks.**

Littering Sign – In response to Mr. Levin’s request for a “No Littering” sign, a discussion followed and it was agreed that a temporary sign be erected, as no other littering signs exist within New Marlborough. This temporary sign could then be used in other locations should the necessity arise. Police Chief suggested in a letter that “No Littering” signs be placed on the roads entering into the town. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve erecting a “No Littering” sign on Rhodes and Bailey where the Highway Superintendent suggested it be erected on a temporary basis to determine whether or not (a) it’s effective, and (b) whether or not it sets a precedent for others to request the same sign on their road.**

David Ralph Property - The Special Hearing was not reconvened so that notification can be sent to the abutters to attend the June 2, 2014 Selectmen’s Meeting. The Highway Superintendent, Chuck Loring looked at the road and he found it acceptable for emergency vehicles to use. Information has not been received from the Board of Health. The Board of Health must sign off on the water inspection in order for the Selectmen to approve this application.

Capital Planning Committee – Selectman Shalaby read the notice announcing the formation of this committee. It should consist of a member from the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Finance Committee and three citizens with financial backgrounds. This notice will be posted on the New Marlborough website, NM5VN, and Maggie’s List. The appointments to this committee will be made by July 1, 2014. Selectman Shalaby will represent the Board of Selectmen on this committee.

Departmental Transfers -Chairman Tara White indicated she spoke with David Herrick and requested him to convene the Finance Committee for a tentative meeting on June 16 or June 19 to do department transfers; June 23 would be the absolute latest for these transfers to take place. Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen must be present.

Police Department Agenda – The Police Chief, Scott Farrell, will be put on the June 9 or 10th Board of Selectmen’s agenda to discuss the Police Department going forward, including possible new hires that would replace existing part-time officers, and his involvement in the Police Department going forward.

Work Study Program – BCC Work Study Program grant deadline is July 1, 2014. Job descriptions are required. The Planning Board may need clerical help, as well as New Marlborough Town Hall. Department heads who are interested in participating in the Work Study Program will have to provide position descriptions available by June 16, 2014. Selectman

Shalaby suggested that the Capital Planning Committee may wish to avail themselves of this grant in helping them put together presentations, take minutes, etc. Chairman White suggested that the Finance Committee may also be able to use someone from the Work Study Program to take notes at their meetings.

Saturday Selectmen's Meetings – Saturday meetings will be scheduled during the summer to enable more residents and second home owners to attend these meetings. A Saturday meeting has been scheduled for July 12 at 10 a.m. Additional Saturday meetings will be planned over the summer.

Foley Bridge Project – An additional \$22,000.00 has been requested from BSC. Tom Loughlin has been contacted to clarify this request.

Cemetery – Mr. Skorput will discuss with Jeremia Pollard whether or not land donated for cemetery use would be tax deductible to the donor.

Library Lights – The contract must be been signed and then lights will be ordered. The revised invoice was approximately \$500.00 less than original bid, due to lights that did not have to be replaced.

Clothing Pick-up at Recycling Center – ICD (International Cooperation & Development) could drop in a “box” at the Recycling Center. Questions were raised as to whether or not collected clothing would stay within Berkshire County. Suggestions were made that, if a decision was made to use this program, a contract be signed for not more than a year to be sure that the box would be manned and emptied when full. Additional information is needed before the Town of New Marlborough agrees to use this service. Donating clothing to local churches is another option.

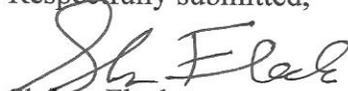
Berkshire Retirement – Sheila LaBarbera will need to be rescheduled due to conflicts in scheduling.

Annual Town Meeting – It was brought to the attention of Selectman Shalaby that at the Annual Town Meeting residents who spoke were not asked their name, and that, as a reminder in the future, residents should be identified.

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 7:35 p.m. and immediately go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of the East Hill Property and possible litigation matters. The Selectmen will not go back into regular session after Executive Session.

Roll Call:	Michele Shalaby	Yes
	Nat Yohalem	Yes
	Tara White	Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Fleck

Administrative Secretary