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Michele Shalaby, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
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Board of Selectmen

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Saturday, July 11, 2015
10 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem
Tara B. White

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Prudence Spaulding
Steve and Elaine Mack
Tim Newman

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 10 a.m. Select Chair, Michele Shalaby was unable to attend.

The minutes were read. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the June 22 meetings held at 5:53 p.m. and 6:20 p.m, but to hold the Executive Minutes of June 22, 2015.**

Personnel Policy - The Personnel Committee will be meeting on July 20 to finalize their suggestions.

Goals - Establishing the goals for the Board of Selectmen for FY16 will be deferred until Monday, July 20, 2015.

County Road Bid – Highway Superintendent would like to rebid this project, as he felt the bid was high and only one bid was received. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to reject the one bid for County Road and to rebid the project.**

Elm Knoll Farms – A letter was written by Counsel advising Elm Knoll Farms that the Town intends to mow the corn that is on Town property.

Mapping Contract – **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to sign the contract for \$2900 on behalf of the Town.**

Revolutionary War Marker - An email was received from Thomas P. Vincent, Esq. requesting, on behalf of Tom Adams, that a marker be placed in Town commemorating his relative, Moses Adams, who fought and died in the Revolutionary War, but lived in New Marlborough. This is

being referred to the Library Board of Trustees, as the marker would be placed on Library property.

Grist Mill Wheel – John Sisson would like to donate a grist mill wheel to the Town. The Town would incur no expenses. This matter is being referred to the Historical Society for possible placement.

Carry-over Vacation Days – A memo was received from Town Clerk, Kathy Chretien, requesting that three vacation days be carried into FY16. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow Kathy Chretien to carry over three vacation days into FY16.**

Mike Jaffe Resignation – The Town received a resignation letter from Mike Jaffe who faithfully served the Town on the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years. His resignation was accepted and a letter of “thanks” will be sent to him.

Senior Tax Write-off – Prudence Spaulding praised the thirteen seniors who participated in this program during FY15. The services they provided to the Town are needed and greatly appreciated. Prue also advised that she has asked the Legislators to allow seniors to be compensated for their hard work at the same rate that minimum wages increase.

Rt. 57 Takeover – Nat Yohalem advised that a letter has been sent to Boston requesting that the State take over the responsibility for Rt. 57.

Clayton Mill River Road Grant – Nat Yohalem advised that the Town is eligible for a \$1 million MassWorks grant for road repairs. The grant would be used on Clayton Mill River Road. BSC engineers agreed to help write the grant for the Town at no charge. The deadline to submit this grant is in-between August 24-September 4, 2015.

Mower Agreement – Nat Yohalem advised that the Mower Agreement between the Town and Sheffield has been signed and the mower ordered.

Umpachene Falls – Steven and Elaine Mack advised the Board that trespassers have come on their property as they make their way along the river from the falls. Elaine is concerned that minors climbing up the falls onto their property could fall and get hurt and who would be liable. There had been “Posted” signs at one point; however, Tom Billard will be contacted regarding this problem. Tara will speaker with Edgar Zukaukas, Park Commissioner, regarding signs.

Fire Fighter’s Muster – An email was received from Ed Harvey regarding a Fire Fighter’s Muster to take place on August 8 at New Marlborough Central School. Food will be served and raffles available. A vehicle parade will begin from the Fire House at 11 a.m.

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 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary