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Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White, Vice Chair
Richard E. Long
Board of Selectmen

**VIA TELECONFERENCING
Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Friday, June 12, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Richard E. Long

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Joe Poindexter, NM5VN

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 10:05 a.m.

The only item on the agenda is to discuss retaining a labor attorney to represent the Town in connection with the petition filed on behalf of the five employees at the Highway Department to join the union. Town Attorney, Jeremia Pollard, recommended that Mari contact a labor law firm in the Westfield, MA area, i.e. Dupere Law Offices which represent many small towns in Berkshire County. Dupere gave the Town two options, i.e. it can pay by the hour (\$200/hour), or the Town can pay \$250 a month as a retainer fee. If the Town chooses the retainer fee option, it includes all travel expenses, but does not include any court time and can be discontinued by the Town any time with 30 days notice. The Board decided the retainer option would be best.

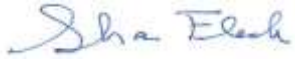
A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chairman of the Board, to sign the \$250 a month retainer agreement with the Dupere Law Offices.

Nathaniel H. Yohalem	Aye
Tara B. White	Aye
Richard E. Long	Aye

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 10:10 A.M.

Nathaniel H. Yohalem	Aye
Tara B. White	Aye
Richard E. Long	Aye

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Fleck".

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary

Approved by:

Board of Selectmen

Date: June 22, 2020