

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 807 Mill River Southfield Road, Mill River, MA 01244-0099 Phone: 413-229-8116 Fax: 413-229-8253 E-mail: nmbos@newmarlboroughma.gov

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

VIA TELECONFERENCING Minutes Board of Selectmen Monday, June 8, 2020 6:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair Tara B. White Richard E. Long
Others Present:	Mari Enoch, Town Administrator Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary Prudence Spaulding, Animal Inspector Graham Frank, Animal Control Officer Tom Stalker, Resident Peter Schuyten, NM5VN Joe Krejci

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:18 p.m.

The Board took the agenda out of order.

Discuss and act on COVID19 pandemic as necessary

• The deadline for submitting expenses for CARES reimbursement has been extended for a week.

Act on Recommendation of Town Treasurer Appointment

- Both Mari and Richard interviewed two applicants, both of whom were qualified, one applicant withdrew because of the proposed salary rate.
- Applicant, Robert Noonan, is retired but looking to serve the community.
- Condition of being hired is dependent on being bonded and CORI/SORI reference check.
- A separate work station will be needed.
- He will have a 90-day probationary period per the personnel policy.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted that the Town appoint Robert Noonan at a weekly salary of \$358.38 as Treasurer with an 18-hour work week, commencing on

June 15, 2020 with a 90-day probationary period. All the terms of employment will be conditioned on his being bonded and background checks per the Personnel Policy.

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

A further motion was made indicating that at the end of the 90-day probationary period, if satisfactory, he can be appointed until June 30, 2021.

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

Discuss and act on any Action relating to Dog Bite Incident Hartsville Mill River Road

- The letter of complaint sent by Denise Ulick will be forwarded to Jon and Samantha Suters whose dog allegedly attacked the Ulrick dog. Included in that letter will be a letter from Great Barrington regarding a previous incident, a letter from Prudence Spaulding and a copy of the statute applicable to this issue.
- Either party may have counsel participate in the teleconferencing public hearing call to be held Tuesday, June 23 at 2 p.m.
- Both Prudence Spaulding and Graham Frank will also participate in the conference call.

Act on Request to extend duration of Collins Center Human Resources contract

• Mary Aicardi, Collins Center, advised Richard that the work will not be completed by June 30 and requested an extension until December 31, 2020.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to authorize Mari Enoch to execute and extend the terms of the contract with the Collins Center, UMass Boston, from June 30 to December 31, 2020.

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

Discuss and act on any Action relating to Alcohol License for Mill River General Store

• A letter will be sent to Jessica Alsterlund-Holcomb, former owner of the Mill River General Store, requesting that she send a letter confirming that she wishes to relinquish the liquor license she currently holds for the premise at 10 Great-Barrington/Mill River Road.

Discuss FY2021 budget

• A joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen will be requested in order to set a baseline budget and continue work on the 2021 budget.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

None

BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

None

ADMINISTRATIVE: FINANCIAL WARRANTS, BUSINESS LICENSES, STATE CONTRACT, OTHER

- Warrants will be signed.
- A petition to form a union was made on behalf of five highway employees. Town Counsel suggested the Town contact a Labor attorney to handle this issue. Mari contacted Atty. Fred Dupere who will be sending cost estimates for both hourly and retainer rates.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of June 5 as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 7:50 p.m.

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

Submitted by

Sha Elech

Sharon Fleck Administrative Secretary

Approved by:

Board of Selectmen

Date: <u>June 15, 2020</u>