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

**Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, February 11, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair (via telephone)
Tara B. White, Vice Chair
Richard E. Long

Others Present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Dan Alden, Resident

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow Nathaniel H. Yohalem to participate via telephone:

Richard E. Long	Aye
Tara B. White	Aye

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 5:30 p.m.

Richard advised the Board that Francisca Heming from MassDOT called Sharon stating that it is working on obtaining additional funding for Rt. 57 drainage and culverts prior to the Towns beginning reconstruction. She will give the Town bi-weekly reports on the progress it is making on obtaining additional funding hopefully before proposals go out for Rt. 57 construction, subject to approval from MassWorks.

Review and Approve Service Agreement with BETA Engineering for Rt. 57 Engineering

An amended motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the BETA Services Engineering Agreement for professional services in the amount of \$20,500.

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

Richard stated that New Marlborough and Sandisfield will be doing their own agreements with BETA

Approve and Award MVP Plan Contract

Richard advised that the Town has received a \$20,000 grant from the Commonwealth to do an MVP planning study. The study will be submitted to the State which will grant the Town the designation of an MVP Climate Community. Once that is approved, it will allow the Town to apply for an action grant for specific vulnerabilities. The BSC Group, Inc. has submitted a proposal for the study. Because of the grant and the amount of the grant, the standard procurement process is not necessary. Both BSC and Jeff Malloy have been prequalified by the State. BSC has been providing environmental science and regulatory consulting for over thirty five years and it has been providing climate adaptation consulting services for over ten years. The project has to be completed by June 30, 2020. The State has suggested the Town use the Standard Commonwealth terms and conditions.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the proposal from BSC Group, Inc. to hire them to perform the MVP planning study and contract with BSC and have it applied to the Commonwealth standard terms and conditions.

Nathaniel H. Yohalem	Aye
Tara B. White	Aye
Richard E. Long (recused himself due to his prior association with BSC)	

Establish New Marlborough Regional School District Planning Committee

As a result of the Eight Town School Consolidation Committee's efforts, the Regional School District Planning Committee will include twenty four members, two members at large from each town and one school committee member from each town. This committee has also been granted a \$50,000 grant by the State to get a consultant who will help move the process forward. The Moderator in each town will appoint the members. Barry Shapiro, Moderator, will appoint Jane Burke, School Committee member and the two at-large members for New Marlborough who are Tara White and Susan Smith, as recommended at the January 28 Board of Selectmen meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to establish the New Marlborough Regional School District Planning Committee, comprised of one School Committee member and two members at large who will be appointed by the Town Moderator to serve until the Selectboard deems the Committee is no longer needed.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

None

BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

- Richard reported that the Designer Selection Committee will be meeting on Friday, February 21.
- Nat reported that the Roundtable meeting scheduled for February 12 was cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for February 25 and he will attend.
- Tara will attend the HR discussion in Egremont on Friday, February 14 for a shared Human Resources person. Egremont, Sheffield, New Marlborough and Stockbridge and possibly Great Barrington are interested in sharing an HR person. Tara also reached out to Sandisfield and Tolland to determine their interest. Sandisfield was interested in additional information.

Tara also stated there was a letter from MassDOT regarding closing the Lumbert Cross Bridge; however, Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent, has repaired the bridge, spoken with MassDOT and the bridge does not have to be closed.

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

- Business licenses for Johnson Carpentry, Neil W. Lidstone and Wood Products (Neil W. Lidstone) were approved and signed by the Board.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to sign the above-referenced business licenses.

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

- A warrant was received from the Town Clerk for the election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 for residents to cast their votes in the State primary for the Presidential and State elections.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to sign the warrant as presented.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of January 16 (3 p.m.), January 28, and February 3 were held until the next meeting on February 24, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Alden handed out a list of observations and suggestions regarding the litter problems on the various roadways in Town. He has asked the Board to discuss this with the Highway and Police Departments to come up with some proactive ideas to address the litter problem.

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 5:57p.m.

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

Approved by:

Date: _____



Administrative Secretary