MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 05/03/2023

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman, Dean R. Larabee, Clerk/Chairman, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
TOTIC	Meeting Convened at 6:03 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Old Business (taken out of order)	Board to appoint Rob Cote as member of the 2023-2024 SRPEDD Commission with a term to expire May 22, 2024. The Board voted to appoint.	Cochrane to motion to appoint, Miller 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review and possibly sign Host Community Agreement between the Town of Berkley, Massachusetts and FreeMarket MA LLC and FreeMarket Delivery LLC. The Board voted to sign.	Cochrane to motion to appoint, Larabee 2 nd , voted.
Meeting Mail (taken out of order)	Board to review Notice from FreeMarket MA LLC and FreeMarket Delivery LLC regarding Community Outreach Meeting.	Information only; no action needed.
Old Business (taken out of order)	Board to review Citizens' Petition for "Right to Farm". George Faria confirmed that kennels are not included in the "Right to Farm" and Lisa Pedro of Grove Street continued that all Board of Health, Massachusetts General Laws and By-Laws still have to be followed. Tom Fernandes of Jerome Street confirmed that there will be a brief overview and any questions will be answered at the Annual Town Meeting.	Information only; no action needed.
	Board to review Citizens' Petition for "Conservation Commission". Chairman Miller questioned if the Petition had been reviewed by Town Counsel; the petitioners confirmed that it has not yet been reviewed, but they will be sending it out.	Information only; no action needed.
	Board to have a joint meeting with Finance Committee to discuss final budget FY24. Finance Committee Meeting opened at 6:37 p.m.	Information only; no action needed.
Minutes to be Approved	Board to approve Meeting Minutes for the following Board of Selectmen Meetings: (i) April 26, 2023; (ii) December 7, 2022; (iii) November 22, 2022; (iv) October 20, 2022; and (v) October 13, 2022. The Board voted to approve, Larabee abstained from vote for Minutes of 04/26/2023.	Larabee to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence from TEC Associates Consulting Engineers. The Board voted to file and post on Town's website.	Larabee to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review correspondence from MIIA Member Services regarding FY24 Renewal Terms and Conditions. The Board voted to file.	Larabee to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review correspondence from Kelley and Ken Nieviera regarding letter of gratitude. The Board voted to file.	Larabee to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review documentation package hand delivered by Ms. Lippold regarding potential Special Permits violations per M.G.L. c. 40A §7. The Board voted to table.	Larabee to motion to table, Cochran 2 nd , voted.

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Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence from the Department of Housing & Community Development regarding noncompliance of M.G.L. c. 40A §3A. The Board voted to file.	Larabee to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
New Business	Board to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Lockup Facility at the Bristol County Ash Street Jail. The Board voted to table.	Larabee to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve Common Use Request for the Somerset Berkley Education Foundation. The Board voted to table.	Larabee to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
Town Administrator Report	Town Administrator provided updates on the MIIA FY2024 Renewal Proposal, EPA Storm Water and Memorial Day Parade Ceremony.	Information only; no action needed.
Public Input	Angela Ricardo of 1 Ricardo Way brought to the Board a suggested Drone By-Law. It was discussed and agreed that it needs to explicitly exclude law enforcement and public safety; a title change noting "Recreational" was also suggested. The Board request it be sent to Town Counsel for review.	Information only; no action needed.
Finance Committee Update (taken out of order)	The Finance Committee advised that the final budget is still being settled and will be made available as soon as possible, at which point the newly appointed Board of Selectmen will review and vote. Joe Freitas and Tabitha McCrohan each resigned effective May 4, 2023 from the Finance Committee.	Information only; no action needed.
Adjournment	The Board voted to adjourn, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.	Larabee to motion to adjourn, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.

Kevin P. Partridge, Town Administrator

Wendy F. Cochrane, Member