

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 05/10/2023

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Freitas, Chairman, Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:03 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Call to Order	<p>Board to discuss election of Board Chair, Clerk and Member. Heather J. Almy, Town Clerk, swore in the Selectmen.</p> <p>The Board voted to elect Joe Freitas as the Board Chair.</p> <p>The Board voted to elect Tabitha K. McCrohan as Clerk.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to elect, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>Cochrane to motion to elect, Freitas 2nd; voted.</p>
Public Hearing	<p>Pursuant to M.G.L. c.148 §13, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room at the Town Office Building, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts, on request of Kevin Gottwald, Vice President of Global Contracting Services, Inc., for a license to allow the installation and use of a Gas and Diesel Fueling Facility with Convenience Store. The property is located at 34-38 Padelford Street in Berkley, Massachusetts, more specifically through certain property identified in the Assessor's records as Map 10, Lots 63 and 64. Interested parties are welcome to attend and comment; persons wishing to be heard should appear on the date and at the time and place designated above. Comments can also be sent to the Board of Selectmen either by mail, c/o Town Administrator, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779, or via e-mail, to selectmen@berkleyma.us, prior to the date and time of the public hearing. The Board voted to open the Public Hearing. There was no representative of the project present. Abutter Benjamin Rose, Jr. of 35 Padelford Street questioned if all stipulations approved by the Planning Board still had to be maintained; it was suggested that Mr. Rose address his concerns directly with the Planning Board. Deputy Fire Chief Jason Perry confirmed that the application was for two tanks and that split tank is common use. The Board voted to continue the matter.</p>	<p>Cochrane to motion to continue, McCrohan 2nd; voted.</p>
Minutes to be approved	<p>Board to approve Meeting Minutes for the Board of Selectmen Meeting of May 3, 2023. Cochrane accepted the Minutes as necessity.</p>	<p>Cochrane accepted the minutes.</p>
Personnel	<p>Board to review Cable TV Camera Operator in house job posting. The Personnel Board voted to post the position.</p> <p>Board to review letter of resignation from Dalton Johnson. The Board voted to accept.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion Personnel Board to post in house, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to accept, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p>
Meeting Mail	<p>Board to review Addendum to correspondence from Eve Lippold. The Board made the decision not to read into record as the matter is still in litigation. The Board voted to file.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p>

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Old Business	Board to review and approve Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The civilian Drone Petition was discussed; after speaking with Town Counsel it was determined that it would be fine-tuned and possibly added to the November Special Town Meeting. The Petitioners of the Right to Farm Petition were reminded to be ready to discuss at the Town Meeting. The Board voted to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant containing 17 Articles.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
New Business	Board to discuss labor negotiations legal representative. The Board voted to approve Attorney Gay as legal representative.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss signing Selectmen to negotiations. The Board appointed Chairman Freitas to serve on police negotiations.	Cochrane to motion to appoint, McCrohan 2 nd ; voted.
	The Board appointed Chairman Freitas to serve on highway negotiations.	McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	The Board appointed Wendy F. Cochrane to serve on 9-1-1 negotiations.	McCrohan to motion to appoint, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	The Board appointed Tabitha K. McCrohan to serve on clerical and fire/rescue negotiations.	Cochrane to motion to appoint, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
Soil Board	Two lot subdivision on Locust Street. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Town Administrator Report	The Interim Town Administrator discussed the proposed hiring process for the new Town Administrator, including establishing a 7 person Resume Review and Interview Committee. The Board voted to establish said Committee.	Cochrane to motion to establish, McCrohan 2 nd ; voted.
	The Interim Town Administrator advised with respect to ARPA that the storm water communications are in the works and that an Order of Notice was received from the EPA. It was advised that there is still some Town and County ARPA available, as well.	Information only; no action needed.
Finance Committee Update	The Vice Chair was not present. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Adjournment		

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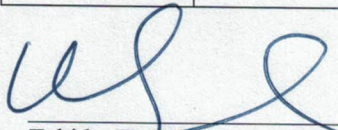
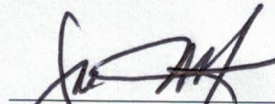
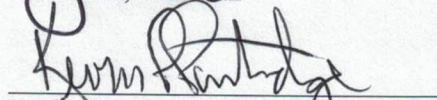
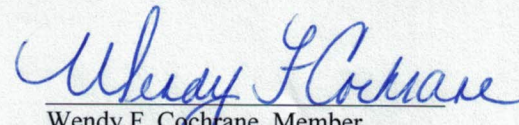
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The Board voted to cancel the scheduled upcoming Board of Selectmen Meeting of Thursday, May 11, 2023.

The Board voted to adjourn, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

McCrohan to motion to cancel, Cochrane 2nd; voted.

McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Cochrane 2nd; voted.


Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk
Joe Freitas, Chairman
Kevin P. Partridge, Town Administrator
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member