

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 08/16/2023

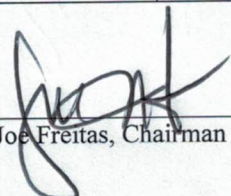
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Freitas, Chairman and Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 5:46 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Executive Session	The Board voted to enter into Executive Session. The Board reconvened to Open Meeting at 6:16 p.m.	McCrohan to motion to enter into Executive Session, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence received with respect to Planning Board Decision concerning Myricks Street. The Board read the letter into record and voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review correspondence from Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. The Board read the letter into record and voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review correspondence regarding MBTA Zoning Law Compliance and Public Records Request. The Board read the letter into record and voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and accept resignation from Rob Cote from the Finance Committee and SRPEDD. The Board voted to accept.	McCrohan to motion to accept, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
Meeting Minutes	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
New Business	Board to approve Attorney Adam Costa to represent the Planning Board with respect to the appeal of Decision concerning Myricks Street.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss with Ms. Angela Ricardo the possibility of including a Drone Bylaw to the Special Town Meeting. Ms. Ricardo was not present and the Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss forming a Library Building Sub-Committee. In attendance to discuss the matter was Carol Buote, Library Director and Carla Ross Lyman, Chair of the Library Trustees. The Chairman questioned how many member the Sub-Committee would consist of and it was confirmed that there would be approximately 12 members, broken out into several smaller subcommittees based on their skill sets. It was explained that two building options would need to be presented as well as the completion of a feasibility study regarding whether or not the current building could be used for an addition; there is also an interest in being put on the Special Town Meeting Warrant with respect to funding for said feasibility study. Clerk McCrohan also suggested reaching out to Senator Pacheco's Office for possible further assistance. The Board voted to establish a Library Building Committee and Sub-Committee and appoint the members as provided by Ms. Buote and Ms. Lyman. The Board then voted to amend their vote with a noted term expiration for the Committee and Sub-Committee of June 30, 2025.	McCrohan to motion to establish and appoint, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review Cable TV Camera Operator job posting. The Board voted to post.	McCrohan to motion to post, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.

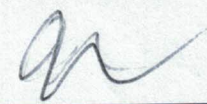
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Town Administrator Report	<p>The Town Administrator reminded the Board of the upcoming donation decision with respect to Berkley Botanicals.</p> <p>The Town Administrator provided sequencing and further information with respect to debt inclusion, specifically with respect to BP, for FY25 budget, it was noted that the process needs to be completed this calendar year before the tax rate to be set. The Town Administrator also opined that it is imperative to vote on the matter at Special Town Meeting, but offered four options: (i) Special Election; (ii) Special Town Meeting; (iii) Presidential Primary; and (iv) Local Elections in May of 2024. It was noted that the Town Clerk's preference would be the Local Elections in May of 2024, to which the Chairman agreed.</p> <p>The Town Administrator updated the Board with respect to storm water, the status of which is in the early stages of addressing possible issues. Outfall testing has been scheduled and the previous MS4 year report is expected to be available by late September.</p> <p>The Town Administrator also provided a timeline for Special Town Meeting workflow.</p>	<p>Information Only; No Action Needed.</p> <p>Information Only; No Action Needed.</p> <p>Information Only; No Action Needed.</p> <p>Information Only; No Action Needed.</p>
Public Input	<p>Kerrie Ann Auclair of North Main Street spoke with respect to the HD4420 Bill and voiced her concerns about same and its potential impact to the Town, its residents and Police Department. The Chairman noted he was interested in a sit down with the Senator to discuss same and noted that the Board would reach out through the Town Administrator's office. The Chairman also suggested that Ms. Auclair put something together for Special Town Meeting.</p>	<p>Information Only; No Action Needed.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The Board voted to adjourn, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Freitas 2nd; voted.</p>


Joe Freitas, Chairman


Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk


Matt Chabot, Town Administrator