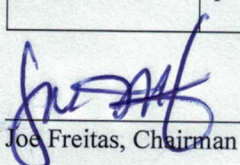


# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 08/30/2023

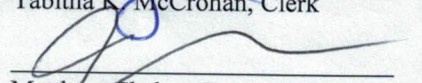
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Freitas, Chairman, Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Meeting Mail (taken out of order)	Board to review correspondence received from Kristen Jackson, Chairwoman of the DAR. Town Administrator noted that a draft Proclamation can be provided at the next meeting. The Board voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Meeting Minutes (taken out of order)	Board to review and approve Executive Session Minutes and Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Appointments	Board to review and possibly appoint Maureen Alizio to the Historical Commission. Ms. Alizio spoke on her behalf noting that she has been a resident of Berkley for about 30 years. Ms. Andrea Perry of the Historical Commission noted her appreciation of Ms. Alizio's willingness. The Chairman asked Ms. Alizio what peaked her interest to join the Commission and Ms. Alizio noted that she wants to keep Berkley's history alive and she'd like to see the Myricks plan come to life; Ms. Alizio reaffirmed that she wants to help keep Berkley's charm alive while still helping the Town grow.	McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
New Business	Board to open Special Town Meeting Warrant effective August 30, 2023 with a closing date of September 13, 2023. The Board voted to open the Warrant and the Chairman noted that this is the time to present any Petitions.	McCrohan to motion to open, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to discuss creating a Marijuana Stabilization Account. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to discuss creating an Opioid Stabilization Account. The Town Accountant spoke on the matter. The Town Accountant noted a conversation with DOR/DOL and noted that the monies are currently in the General Fund and needs to run through Free Cash. Specific guidelines must be followed with these funds. A Town Meeting Vote for appropriation will be required.	Information Only, No Action Needed.
Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator offered a reminder regarding Berkley Botanicals: non-municipal donation decision will need to be made; the School Building Committee is on the next steps with MSBA, the current figure for Town expense is approximately \$80,000,000.00. The Town Administrator also provided an update with respect to current ARPA projects: the EMS vehicle request has gone through and funds are expected shortly; all other ARPA applications are currently still being reviewed and a 3-5 week turnaround is expected. Lastly, the Town Administrator offered an update on the Storm Water project, for which approximately 30% of outfall testing is complete; dry weather screening is projected to be completed by mid-late September.	Information Only, No Action Needed.
Executive Session/ Adjournment	The Board voted to enter into Executive Session and not come back out, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.	McCrohan to motion to enter into Executive Session, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.

  
Joe Freitas, Chairman

  
Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk

  
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

  
Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator