

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 10/11/2023

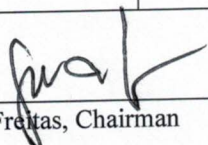
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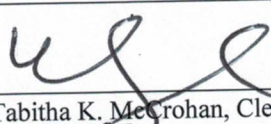
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Appointments	Board to review and possibly appoint Sarah Hebda to Celebrations Committee. Ms. Hebda provided a short statement about herself. She has lived in Berkley for nearly 20 years and wants to give back to the community. The Board thank her for her willingness and support. The Board voted to appoint.	McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence regarding resignation of Veterans Grave Officer. Clerk McCrohan read the resignation into the record and the Board voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review correspondence received from residents of 15 Crabapple Drive. Clerk McCrohan read into record. The Chairman spoke in response to the letter and noted the residents' understandable frustration. The Board voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Old Business	Board to review and approve final Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and possible sign a Joint Petition between TMLP and Verizon New England, Inc. for joint pole location EL7. The Board voted to sign.	McCrohan to motion to sign, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and possible sign a Joint Petition between TMLP and Verizon New England, Inc. for joint pole location EL108-S and EL109-S. The Board voted to table the matter and host a Public Hearing for October 26, 2023.	McCrohan to motion to table and host Public Hearing, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Discussion of Mass Lottery Commission correspondence regarding KENO license. The Board confirmed that they had done their due diligence and there was no resident response. The Board voted to file.	McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
New Business	Board to discuss fees for public records requests. The Board discussed creating an in-house policy for staff to follow when fulfilling requests. The Assistant Town Administrator volunteered to coordinate with the Records Access Officer to create a policy for the Board to vote on.	Information Only, No Action Needed.
	Jean Fox from DOT ; Southcoast Rail Project update and discussion of Padelford Street/Myricks detours. Ms. Fox circled back to the resident letter regarding noise mitigation and asked to reach out directly to try to help. The Chairman asked the Town Administrator to share contact information after getting permission from the residents to share. She provided an update on the project: 6 stations and 2 layovers have been added and the project has been going extremely well. Lighting and security cameras are also being installed at the stations. The Chairman asked if there are any safety initiatives and community outreach in place and Ms. Fox confirmed that both are happening. It was also confirmed that Berkley's station will have gates and lights. Detour dates were presented for work on Myricks Street. The Board felt that Saturday to Wednesday would be the better option, but asked the Town Administrator to ask Fire, Public Safety and Highway if they had a different opinion or agreed that Saturday to Wednesday would be best. The Board voted on their preference of Saturday to Wednesday, November 11 through November 15.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.

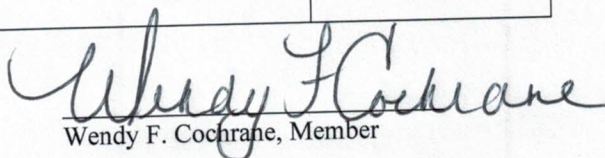
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Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator offered a reminder of Berkley Botanicals non-municipal donations. The Town Administrator spoke on the potential of a Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO") and recommended he not be named CPO. Member Cochrane noted that we must have a CPO to sign off on debt exclusion. The Town Administrator asserted that at the end of the day, the Board is the authority; the Chairman noted that CPO is in the Town Administrator's contract. The Town Administrator updated the status of all staff working on cybersecurity training. He also noted the potential to join the Taunton Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman asked the Town Administrator to forward the information to the Board and add it to the Agenda for the next meeting.	Information Only, No Action Needed.
Public Input	Wendy Cochrane, Treasurer/Collector, updated the Board regarding her meeting with MIIA Health Insurance. Premiums have a potential upcoming increase and noted the importance of an Insurance Advisory Committee. The information needs to be provided and discussed amongst an Insurance Advisory Committee ASAP.	Information Only, No Action Needed.
Executive Session	The Board voted to enter into Executive Session and not come back out, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.	McCrohan to motion to enter into Executive Session, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.


Joe Freitas, Chairman


Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk


Wendy F. Cochrane, Member


Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator