

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 12/18/2023

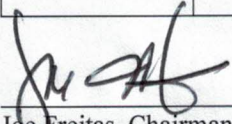
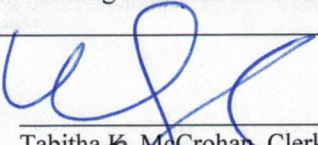
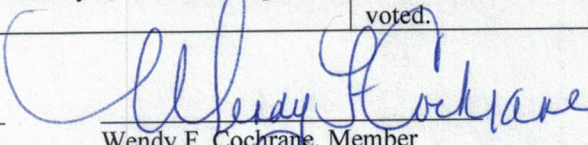
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Freitas, Chairman, Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 4:30 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Appointments	Board to review and possibly appoint Arthur Newhook to the position of Deputy Chief in the Berkley Police Department. The Board thanked Detective Sergeant Newhook for his continued dedication to the Town and the Board was collectively very pleased to appoint him. The Board continued that this position was very well earned and Chief Baker then spoke on Det. Sgt. Newhook's behalf and he was pinned. The Board voted to appoint.	Cochrane to motion to appoint, McCrohan 2 nd , voted.
Personnel Board	Board to review and possibly recommend Grant Flood to the position of Cable TV Camera Operator. Arlene Medeiros, Chairperson of the Cable TV Advisory Committee, spoke and noted that the Committee voted that they would like to hire Mr. Flood. Mr. Flood offered a short excerpt about himself and noted that he is currently studying at Dean College and that he was referred by a friend to this job opportunity; Mr. Flood also noted that while he has some prior experience he is looking to improve and expand his knowledge and experience behind the camera. The Personnel Board voted to recommend to hire Mr. Flood. The Board voted to hire.	McCrohan to motion to recommend, Cochrane 2 nd , voted. McCrohan to motion to hire, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
New Business (taken out of order)	Board to approve Berkley Public Schools County ARPA application request for Motorola Two Way Radios. The FAC had previously recommended that the request go the Board for approval and then County ARPA for reimbursement. Superintendent Ryan voiced her appreciation for the consideration and understanding and noted that she understands it may not be approved by ARPA, but it was an unplanned safety expense that required immediate attention that is a long-term solution. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Liquor License Renewal for The Boondocks Corp. d/b/a The Boondocks. The Board voted to approve with the amendment of Manager's name.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Common Victualler License Renewal for The Boondocks Corp. d/b/a The Boondocks. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Restricted Music License Renewal for The Boondocks Corp. d/b/a The Boondocks. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Liquor License Renewal for Berkley Post #121 American Legion. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Common Victualler License Renewal for Berkley Post #121 American Legion. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Restricted Music License Renewal for Berkley Post #121 American Legion. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Liquor License Renewal for Berkley Farms Inc. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.

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	Board to approve 2024 Common Victualler License Renewal for Amato's Express. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Liquor License Renewal for Prestige Capital Group Inc. d/b/a Prestige. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Common Victualler License for Prestige Capital Group Inc. d/b/a Prestige. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Class III Auto License Renewal for Rt. 24 Auto Recycling. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Class III Auto License Renewal for G. Matthew Enterprises Inc/Gregory Under, Jr., President. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
	Board to approve 2024 Class G Auto License for Herbert J. Flint, Jr. The Board voted to approve with a caveat of a 6-month review.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
Old Business	Board to review and possibly approve proposed Flag Policy. Clerk McCrohan read the proposed Flag Policy and the Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.
Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator offered a reminder of Berkley Botanicals non-municipal donation and provided a list of potential donation recipients. A draft report for a Stormwater Update was provided and it was noted that the EPA has also been contacted and we are awaiting a finalized report and recommendations. The Town Administrator also offered an update on the TMLP Municipal Fiber, for which the timeline for project completion is estimated for summer 2024. Lastly, the Town Administrator offered an updated ARPA spreadsheet for the Board's review.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Public Input	The Chairman thanked State Legislators for the passing of the 2.3 billion supplemental budget. The Chairman also wanted to make the public aware of the potential upcoming costs to Medicare and urged Berkley residents to reach out to Senator Pacheco and Representative Orrall to voice their opinions and concerns.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Adjournment	The Chairman noted that the Town Hall would be closing early on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:30 p.m. for a mandatory employee meeting. The Board voted to adjourn with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.	McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.


Joe Freitas, Chairman
Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member
Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator