

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 09/27/2023

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	<p>Board to review correspondence from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding regulation 310 CMR 7.41: <i>Large Entity Reporting Requirement</i>. Clerk McCrohan read the letter into the record. The Board voted to file.</p> <p>Board to review correspondence from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. The Chairman voiced his opinion that while the matter wouldn't affect traffic flow, he doesn't want to take anyone's voice away if there are concerns. While the Board decided not to hold a public hearing, it was decided to send certified notices to the abutters and invite them to the next Board meeting if anyone had any thoughts or concerns. The Board voted to file.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to file, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p>
Meeting Minutes	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2022. The Board voted to approve the Minutes.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Old Business	<p>Board to review and possibly sign a Joint Petition between TMLP and Verizon New England, Inc. for joint pole location EL7. The Board voted to table.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly 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.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly sign contract with USA Epoxy of New England. Member Cochrane thanked Kevin Partridge for all of his work on this matter and the Board voted to sign.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to sign, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p>
New Business	<p>Board to review and approve final Special Town meeting Warrant. The Board voted to table.</p> <p>Board to review and approve authority to the Conservation Commission with respect to retaining a wetlands attorney. The Board voted to allow.</p> <p>Board to review and discuss possible sale and purchase of 619R Berkley Street and 619RR Berkley Street. Mr. Marcus Paull of 1271 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA voiced his interest to purchase the land. The Chairman noted a longstanding practice that the Town does not sell Town property. Mr. Paull noted his interest in the property was for camping, kayaking and similar outdoor recreation. The Chairman and Town Administrator noted it could be discussed with the Assessors, but there is not much of an appetite to sell. Clerk McCrohan noted a possibility of an At-Will Lease/Rental situation and Mr. Paull noted he would be open to that possibility.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to allow, Cochrane 2nd; voted.</p> <p>Information Only, No Action Needed.</p>
Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator offered a reminder for Berkley Botanicals. He also spoke on the upcoming Myricks Street temporary shutdown/detour. The Town Administrator noted that he had an upcoming meeting with Jean Fox, the Director of Community Engagement and	Information Only, No Action Needed.

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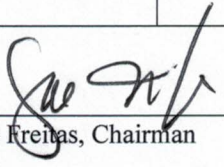
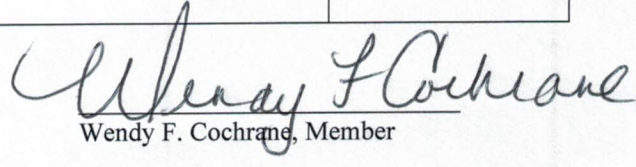
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would then invite her to a Board meeting to discuss further. The Town Administrator offered an ARPA Update: the Special Education Teacher request was approved; the municipal fiber has been stalled but is working on it. County ARPA is still a valuable funding source, as well. Website Design and Social Media Outreach was also discussed. The Town Administrator noted that there were a number of firms that could provide the services in addition to public relations and he noted he feels this would be valuable to the Town. The Town Administrator also offered an update on SRPEDD. There was a meeting to continue grant opportunities. Water and sewer extensions or anything of that magnitude would require the expertise of a civil engineer. While larger projects would not be immediate, small project may be within the realm of attainability. Lastly, the Town Administrator noted the upcoming FAC Meeting, which will host most options for debt exclusion; Rick Spader and Melissa Ryan will be included at that meeting to discuss same.

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 Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

McCrohan to motion to enter into Executive Session, Cochrane 2nd; voted.


Joe Freitas, Chairman
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Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator