

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 3/17/2021

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman Dean R. Larabee, Clerk Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

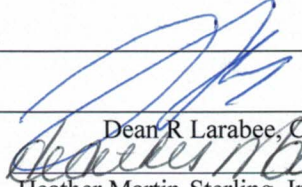
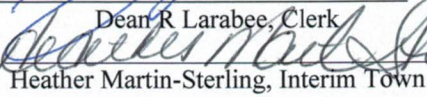
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 5:09pm in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room and via Zoom	
Meeting Mail	Notice from Taunton Planning Board on public hearing. Mr. Miller read the notice into the record. Mr. Miller suggested someone from the Planning Board go to the hearing. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the Notice from the Taunton Planning Board on public hearing.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 nd voted
New Business	Taken out of order. Citation for Eleanor Reid turned 100 on March 10 th . Mr. Miller read the citation into the record. The Board of Selectmen wished Ms. Eleanor Reid a happy birthday.	Informational, no action needed
	Taken out of order. Citation for Esther Perry turned 100 on March 14 th . Mr. Miller read the citation into the record. The Board of Selectmen wished Ms. Esther Perry a happy birthday.	Informational, no action needed
Meeting Mail	Notice from Berkley Conservation Commission on public hearing. The Conservation Commission will meet March 24, 2021 at 7:00pm. Mr. Miller read the notice into the record. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the notice from the Berkley Conservation Commission on public hearing.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 nd voted
	Letter from National Grid regarding transmission Vegetation Maintenance Notification. Mr. Miller stated that the letter will be posted to the website. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter from the National Grid regarding transmission Vegetation Maintenance Notification.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 nd voted
	Letter from Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School regarding FY22 budget. Mr. Miller read the letter into the record. He stated that Berkley's total assessment was \$991,871. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that it was a 23% increase, as last year's assessment was \$805,960. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter from Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School regarding the FY22 budget.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 nd voted
Old Business	Board to discuss and vote on Text My Gov. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that she thought it would be beneficial for the town, especially in this day and age. She stated that it is \$3000 for the initial year and would be using CARES Act moneys. After the initial year, the cost is \$2500 with a two-year contract. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that they can send out mass alert texts. She also mentioned that people can send in key words to get responses. Mr. Larabee stated that his biggest concern was the number of texts. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that there are 50,000 texts allowed per year. Discussion continued. The Board of Selectmen voted to enter into agreement with Text My Gov.	Cochrane motion to enter into agreement, Larabee 2 nd voted
New Business	Board to accept and sign grant from MCOA. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that the new COA director is phenomenal and received this grant in her first week. The grant was for \$10,770 to reach out to each senior and to give them a goody bag. The Board of Selectmen congratulated Ms. Amanda Blais on her accomplishment. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the grant. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that starting April 1 st , the COA will slowly start opening back up, but she did ask for no exercise classes be offered.	Larabee motion to accept the grant, Miller 2 nd voted
Public Input	Mr. Joe Freitas stated that the BP FY22 budget is going to affect the assessment and also mentioned that the new Bristol Aggie addition will also affect the assessment. He stated that he wants people to keep this in mind because education is not getting any cheaper.	Informational, no action needed
	The Board of Selectmen voted to go into a 10-minute recess and resume at 6:00pm.	Cochrane motion to go into recess, Larabee 2 nd voted

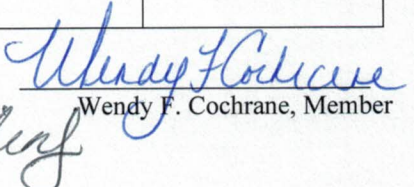
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	The Board of Selectmen voted to reconvene the Board of Selectmen meeting as of March 17 th , 2021 at 6:00pm.	Cochrane motion to reconvene, Larabee 2 nd voted
Public Hearing	<p>The Board of Selectmen voted to open the Public Hearing at 6:00pm in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 15, notice is hereby given that the Town of Berkley Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday March 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., upon the request of Berkley Beverage Corp., d/b/a Bristol County Wine & Spirits, located at 20R Jerome Street, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779, to consider its application for approval of new off-premises § 15 all-alcoholic beverages license, a.k.a. a package store license, at 128 Myricks St units 3 & 4, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779. The public hearing will be conducted via Zoom, at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82691298546, Meeting ID 826 912 8546, Passcode and in accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, D.L. c. 30A, § 20 as well as in the Moitoza-Petty Hearing Room at the Town Hall, One North Main St, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779. Comments can also be sent to the Board of Selectmen, either by mail, to Heather Martin-Sterling, Town Administrator, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779, or via e-mail, to selectmen@berkleyma.us, prior to the date and time of the public hearing.</p> <p>Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that everything has cleared with town council and noted that this is a brand-new license, not a transfer. The applicant stated that this was his first package store. He stated that they will be open 10am-10pm and Sunday 10am-6pm and will have 5 employees to start. The applicant also mentioned that they will also be selling snack items, lottery, and tobacco. They hope to open by Memorial Day Weekend. The Board of Selectmen voted to grant the Berkley Beverage Corp., d/b/a Bristol County Wine & Spirits an all-alcoholic beverages license, a.k.a. a package store license.</p>	<p>Cochrane motion to open Public Hearing, Larabee 2nd voted</p> <p>Cochrane motion to grant all-alcoholic beverage license, a.k.a. a package store license, Larabee 2nd voted</p>
Adjournment	The Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn. The next meeting will be March 31, 2021 at 6:00pm.	Cochrane motion to adjourn, Larabee 2 nd voted.


George F. Miller, Chairman


Dean R. Larabee, Clerk

Heather Martin-Sterling, Interim Town Administrator


Wendy F. Cochrane, Member