

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 3/31/2021

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

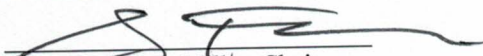
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:09pm in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room and via Zoom	
Minutes	March 17, 2021 – Regular Session	Cochrane motion to accept, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
Meeting Mail	Letter from SRPEDD regarding assessment. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter from SRPEDD regarding assessment.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Letter of resignation from Cris Ghilarducci from K-8 School Committee. Mr. Miller read the letter into the record and thanked Mr. Ghilarducci for his many years of service. Mr. Larabee suggesting providing him with a citation for his service. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the resignation letter from Cris Ghilarducci from K-8 School Committee.	Cochrane motion to accept, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Letter from Bristol Agricultural High School regarding assessment. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated regarding the Debt Assessment Projections, that it is based off of 9 students and are hoping that the bond will be at 2% with the price per pupil being \$2817.00. They are hoping with the increase of the school that they will be able to accept 46-48 more new students each year over a 4-year period. She stated that the price per pupil was a little increase from FY 21. Discussion continued. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter from Bristol Agricultural High School regarding assessment.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Letter from Berkley Public School regarding surplus item. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter from Berkley Public Schools regarding surplus items.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
Old Business	Update on Myricks Street Project. Mr. Miller stated that they did receive feedback from Niles and will have further discussion in the near future. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have the BAA and Historical Commission present. The Board of Selectmen voted to table the update on the Myricks St Project.	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Update on the Master Plan. Mr. Miller stated that they will be having another meeting in the near future and will submit changes that they discussed to SRPEDD soon. The Board of Selectmen voted to forward changes of Master Plan to SRPEDD and Planning Board.	Cochrane motion to forward changes to SRPEDD, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
New Business	License renewal for Chamberlain Farms. The Board of Selectmen voted to issue a seasonal license to expose, keep, or seal, and sell all alcohol beverages to be drunk on premises to Chamberlain Farm Stand for the license to be active from May 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021. The Board of Selectmen voted to issue a restricted music license to Chamberlain Farms located at 12 Friend Street, Berkley, Massachusetts, limited to one television, live music with a maximum of 5 pieces, dancing, and disk jockey, Monday through Saturday from 11am to 11 pm and Sunday 8 am to 11 pm, expiring November 30, 2021. The Board of Selectmen voted to issue a Common Victualler License to Chamberlain Farms, Inc. d/b/a Chamberlain Farm Stand located at 12 Friend St, Berkley, Massachusetts, license to expire November 30, 2021. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the seasonal liquor licenses with the ABCC.	Cochrane motion to issue seasonal license, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted  Cochrane motion to issue restricted music license, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted  Cochrane motion to issue Common Victualler License, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted  Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted

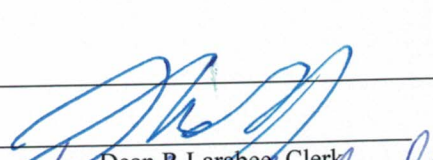


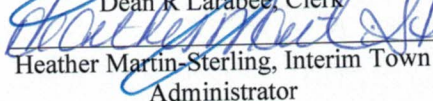
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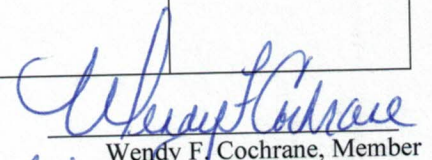
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	<p>Somerset Berkley Regional High School K-8 regional study. Mr. Larabee stated that he spoke with Ms. Julie Gagliardi who would like to come speak to the Board of Selectmen regarding the regionalization. Mr. Miller stated that there seems to be communication issues and is not particularly looking to regionalize K-8 with Somerset. Discussion continued.</p> <p>Board to vote and sign on contract with Attorney Mark Bobrowski for recodification of the zoning by-law. The Board of Selectmen voted to enter into contract with Attorney Mark Bobrowski regarding recodification of the zoning by-law.</p> <p>Board to discuss appointed and elected committee and board members access to Town Hall after hours. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that multiple committees and board members have asked for every member to have swipe cards to the building and their office. She noted that COA director is looking to see why some members have keys to Director's office while others do not. She also mentioned that Mr. Ed Dugan had asked for control room operators to also have access to the building to set up for meetings. Mr. Miller, addressing the COA, stated that before a director was hired, it was important for members to have access to the director's office, but now that there is a director, he believes that office should be private. Ms. Martin-Sterling agreed with Mr. Miller in saying that she does not think any member should have a key. She also noted that she does have a master key in emergency situations. Regarding various boards having keys, Ms. Cochrane stated that in the past, only the department head and clerk had keys. Discussion continued. Mr. Dugan asked for key for control room operators to come in and set up before meetings. Mr. Miller stated that he believes that they need to get more information to solve the problem as a whole but does see the logic of the requests. The Board of Selectmen voted that the Director of the Council on Aging have the soul key of the Director's Office, other than the Selectmen's Office master key.</p>	<p>Informational, no action needed</p> <p>Cochrane motion to enter into contract, Larabee 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p> <p>Larabee motion that COA director has the soul key to Director's office, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p>
Town Administrator Report	<p>Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that the new assessment that the Somerset Berkley School Committee voted on last night puts Berkley's assessment at \$2,692,241.00 which is \$145,419.00 decrease from FY 21 which is a 5.12% decrease. She noted that Ms. Julie Gagliardi will be in next meeting to talk about it. Ms. Martin-Sterling also stated that Somerset's Annual Town meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Informational, no action needed</p>
Executive Session	<p>The Board of Selectmen voted for the Board to go into Executive Session under Ch 30A §21 (a) 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: review of matter presented, votes may be taken, and will not be returning to regular session.</p>	<p>Larabee motion to go into executive session, Cochrane 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p>

  
George F. Miller, Chairman

  
Dean R. Larabee, Clerk

  
Heather Martin-Sterling, Interim Town Administrator

  
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member