

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 1/20/2021

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

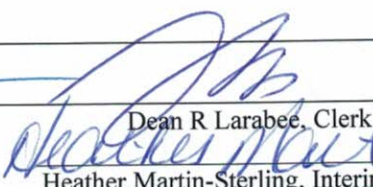
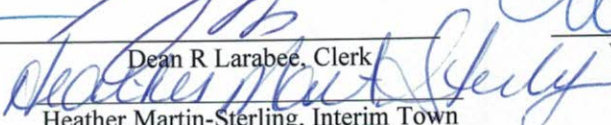
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00pm in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room and via Zoom	
Minutes	January 6, 2021 – Regular Session	Cochrane motion to approve, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	January 12, 2021 – Regular Session	Cochrane motion to approve, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
Appointments	Taken out of order. Appointing Authority to appoint Matthew Chabot to FinCom. Mr. Joe Freitas stated that there are currently 4 members and Mr. Chabot would make 5. Mr. Freitas stated that the FinCom met and all members are in favor. The FinCom Appointing Authority voted to appoint Mr. Chabot to serve until June 30, 2023.	Freitas motion to appoint, Blake 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
Meeting Mail	Letter from Berkley Public Schools re 2020 Annual Report of the School Committee. The Board of Selectmen voted to file the letter.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
Old Business	Update of Reconfiguration of Town Hall Offices. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that Mr. Miller asked them to table the conversation regarding Town Hall because he was unable to make the meeting. Mr. Jim Romano asked if all Department Heads could meet to discuss. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that she thought it was good idea but would need to talk to Mr. Miller. Mr. Larabee and Ms. Cochrane stated that they thought it was a good idea as well.	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Update on Town Hall closed to the Public. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that Mr. Miller spoke with the Tax Collector and Treasurer and noted that it is the busiest office this time of year and suggested being closed to the public until Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> . Ms. Martin-Sterling also noted that a doorbell had been installed. Mr. Jim Romano, Chairman of the Board of Health, stated that he agrees that Town Hall should remain closed as other Town Halls are closed as well. The Board of Selectmen voted to keep Town Hall closed until February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 unless extended.	Cochrane motion to keep Town Hall closed, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
New Business	Board to approve mileage rate for calendar year 2021. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that the mileage rate went down from .575 to .56 per mile. The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the new milage rate.	Cochrane motion to approve mileage rate, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Board to review and approve license for Berkley Athletic Association. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that Town Council and the BAA has reviewed it and everyone is in agreeance. She stated that it is a 3 year license giving them access to the Rezendes' Field. Mr. Miller joined via Zoom at 6:15 pm. The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the License for the BAA until June 30, 2023. Ms. Martin-Sterling gave recap of meeting. Mr. Larabee suggested giving support to Ms. Martin-Sterling for having a Department Head meeting regarding the reconfiguration of Town Hall. Mr. Miller stated that he thinks it is a good idea but doesn't need to start from scratch.	Cochrane motion to approve BAA license, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted
	Board to review and approve estimates from ZLS and TMLP regarding Cotely Street Project from Highway Department. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that the Highway Department has sent over estimates. She noted that they signed into agreement with MBTA for an extinction until April 30 <sup>th</sup> . She stated that there are no other changes besides the timing of the agreement. She stated that the TMLP estimate was \$86,384,77 to move poles that are on property lines and the estimate from ZLS for \$7500 to do the survey of the road. The Board	Cochrane motion to approve and sign esimates, Larabee 2 <sup>nd</sup> voted.

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	<p>of Selectmen voted to approve and sign the estimates from ZLS and TMLP regarding Cotely St project for the Highway Department.</p> <p>Board to review and approve Cable Committee to vote on Ascertainment for upcoming contract negotiations. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that Attorney William Solomon has the Ascertainment and has been looking it over with Ms. Ed Dugan. She stated that they have a cable committee meeting tomorrow with him and needs to Board of Selectmen to give authorization to the Cable Committee to approve the Ascertainment to submit to Comcast to enter into the contract negotiations. The Attorney has a meeting on Friday with Comcast and will be scheduling a meeting to start negotiations. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that the contract expires June 30, 2021. The Board of Selectmen vote to request the Cable Television Advisory Committee forward request for response to Ascertainment to Comcast Cable Communication Management LLC, formally Comcast of Massachusetts Inc.</p>	<p>Cochrane motion vote to request the Cable Television Advisory Committee forward request for response to Ascertainment to Comcast Cable Communication Management LLC, formally Comcast of Massachusetts Inc., Larabee 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p>
Town Administrators Report	<p>Ms. Martin-Sterling stated that she received a resignation letter from Paul Boucher from the Planning Board effective January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 leaving an open seat on the Planning Board. She stated that the Board of Selectmen would need to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board to appoint someone for the seat. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Boucher for his time and efforts. The Board of Selectmen voted to file.</p>	<p>Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p>
Adjournment	<p>Ms. Cochrane announced the next meeting to be February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Moitoza-Petty Hearing Room. The Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn.</p>	<p>Cochrane motion to adjourn, Larabee 2<sup>nd</sup> voted</p>

  
George F. Miller, Chairman

  
Dean R. Larabee, Clerk  
  
Heather Martin-Sterling, Interim Town Administrator

  
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member