MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 08/04/2021
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman - Dean R. Larabee, Clerk - Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:34p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
New Business (Taken Out of Order)	Citation to Robert Hoffman for his 28-years served at the Berkley Transfer Station. Board thanked Mr. Hoffman for his dedication to the town.	No Action Taken
Personnel Board (Taken Out of Order)	Board to enter into contract with Stephen Medeiros for Berkley Assessors. Medeiros gave his work history as an Assessor. Introduction continued. Medeiros recommended the Town supplying identification cards for the Assessors to have while working in town. The board has already ordered ID cards. The current Assessors were present and recommended Medeiros for this position.	Cochrane motion to enter into contact, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Board to appoint John Santos for Assistant Building Inspector. Santos gave his experience with other towns. The board thanked Mr. Santos for coming in and welcoming him to the town.	Cochrane motion to appoint, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
Hearing #1	TMLP Public Notice: This notice services as notification that Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. is proposing a new joint pole located at EL-1, EL-2, EL-3, EL-4, EL-5, EL6, EL-7, EL-8, EL-9, EL-10, EL-11, EL-12, EL-12S and EL-13 of Ferry Lane in the Town of Berkley, with a map for your reference. The Board of Selectmen will be discussing and voting on this at their open meeting on Wednesday August 4, 2021 at 6:00pm. Tyler Arruda, TMLP engineer, stating that the stated poles have been up since 2019. A few months ago, Arruda discovered that this is a town road which is why the petition has been created. Nobody from the public spoke.	Cochrane motion to approve and accept petition, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
Hearing #2	Public Hearing Continuation: Pursuant to Article 21, "Zoning," Section 7C, "Special Permits," of the General Bylaws of the Town of Berkley, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Hearing Room at the Town Office Building, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts regarding the application of Thomas & Ashley Fullen for a special permit to use the farm grounds as a Recreational Rental Space for small family gatherings and celebrations, Community group rentals, Small interactive educational workshops, small acoustic style "open-Air music events", Farm Family Movie Nights and small pop-up "Open-Air Market" at property known as and numbered 115R South Main St, Berkley, Massachusetts, further identified in the Assessor's records at Map 13, Lot 7-21.1. Interested parties are welcome to attend and comment. A copy of the aforesaid application is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during the Town Offices' regular business hours. Miller asked if anyone from the public was there for this Special Permit Hearing continuation, no one spoke. Miller also asked the applicant if they had anything new to add, Mrs. Fullen stated no. Miller expressed the concerns mainly being traffic, noise, and the character of the neighborhood. Miller suggested that there be restrictions on the permit if approved. Discussion continued about possible restrictions and limitations. Joseph Biszko, Berkley's Building Inspector, spoke on a site plan review. Biszko believes that the Fullen's presentation was sufficient enough to satisfy a site plan. Biszko asked the Fullen's presentation was sufficient enough to satisfy a site plan. Biszko asked the Fullen's one of the porta johns to be handicap accessible toilets. Mrs. Fullen said yes, they can replace one of the porta johns to be handicap accessible and that this is something they have already been looking into. Mrs. Fullen also added that they have handicap parking marked	Cochrane motion to open the public hearing continuation, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	already with signs. Miller added if this special permit is approved, they would add a condition that they would need to follow towns Board of Health regulations. Miller asked about movie night. The Fullen's stated this would be a temporary structure and the sound would be monitored by the decibel limit. The board suggested to have Town Council draft a letter, review at the next meeting, and then take a vote then. Dinah Garant, 113 South Main Street, asked is there's anyway that the days of the week can be floating. The board said yes, that this was a part of the discussion. Miller asked if there was any more questions. Nobody responded.	Cochrane motion to close the public hearing and to vote on the Special Permit on August 18 th 's meeting, Larabee 2 nd , all voted

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Meeting Mail (Taken Out of Order)	Board to review and sign the common use form for The Friendly Fizz, mobile drink and treat food truck event on August 14 & 18 th , 2021. The requester of this event was not present.	Board waiting for requester to attend the meeting, no vote taken
	Board to review and sign the common use form for a Pray for Our Nation Event on September 8, 2021 with a rain date of September 9, 2021. Kristine Slack spoke about this non-denominational, non-political event. Miller suggested a 9/11 prayer since it was so close to the date.	Cochrane motion to accept the Common Use Form, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Board to review and sign the common use form for the Glow Bike Parade on August 20, 2021. This was withdrawn by the requester, they want to make some changes to this event.	Information Only
Old Business (Taken Out of Order)	Board to review and sign letter of support for TMLP regarding project Broadband. Board agreed with letter, and signed.	Cochrane motion to send signed letter, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Board to review and sign letter of support for the Cable TV Advisory Committee regrading State Legislative Bill HD 1440, SD834.	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Board to discuss how the public can attend a Town Meeting as a non-registered voter. Larabee asked for a two week extension due to only having partial information but not enough to make a formal proposal to the board.	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
Minutes to be Approved	May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes & Executive Session July 07, 2021 Meeting Minutes July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
Meeting Mail	Update from the friends of the Berkley COA regarding rescheduling of the 4 th of July event due to the rain, to now be held on September 4 th , 2021.	Cochrane motion to approve the rain date, Larabee 2 nd all voted
	Board to review and sign the Common use form for the Friendly Fizz, mobile drink and treat food truck event for August 14 th & 18 th , 2021. Board discussed if this is something they can approve or not. They want to run this by the Building Inspector and possibly Town Council.	Cochrane motion to table, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Letter from Comcast regarding Emergency Connectivity Fund.	Cochrane motion to file, Larabee 2 nd , all voted
	Letter from Xfinity regarding TV service charges. Board discussed the reduction of the service fee's monthly.	Larabee motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , all voted
	Letter from Geosyntec Consultants regarding 2 nd quarter landfill gas monitoring.	Larabee motion to file, Cochrane 2 nd , all voted
Appointments	Larabee read the appointment list into the record.	Larabee motion to appoint, Cochrane 2 nd , all voted

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rould increase the weekend fee to a total of \$5,200.00 a year. Discussion continued. oseph Freitas, Chairman of the Finance Committee, asked what the call-out ratio is for the reekends. Cochrane said she has this information and will get the figures together for a sture discussion. Board decided to gather more information and discuss this topic at the ext meeting. Itya Macomber, was present to discuss the Friendly Fizz food truck Common use request which was previously tabled. The board updated Macomber on why this request isn't so asy to approve and that they need to get more information form Town Council and uidance form the Building Inspector before making a decision. Iteather Martin-Sterling, Town Administrator, talked about the email she received from the fire Chief in regards to the Saturday, 9/11 event they are hosting. The Fire Chief wanted to exite the Board to the speaking portion of this event. The board added that they still want to a plaque for the 20-years since 9/11 and make September a remembrance month in erkley. Martin-Sterling also suggested that we get new signs for the offices in Town Hall. ince the change of offices, the signs need to be updated with the proper names. Martin-terling stated we did receive 50% of our ARPA that came in on July 28th in the amount of 358,542.13. Martin-Sterling also stated that the Berkley's Fire Fighters Association, 3rd nnual Lawn Mower raffle, the drawing will be on August 15th. You can buy tickets at the ire Station, \$10.00 a ticket with only 200 tickets being sold. The Board asked in the future that this category be called Finance Committee Update. Seeph Freitas, Chairman of the Finance Committee, thanked the Town Accountant and the own Administrator for getting the Finance Committee the documents they needed. Freitas sked in the future that certain departments keep a pdf copy of documents for when they ask or these copies, it'll be an easier way of getting these files. Freitas explained how the	Information Only Information Only Information Only
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