

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 06/23/2021

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman & Dean R. Larabee, Clerk

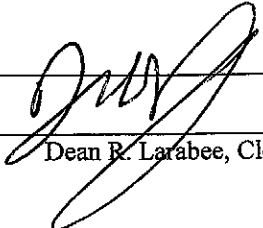
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Meeting Mail	<p>Board to vote and sign the Cranberry Tri-fest sprint distance triathlon on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Miller read letter stating they are offering the Town of Berkley a \$250.00 donation. Board discussed.</p> <p>Letter from Xfinity in regards to the Regional Sports Network. Miller read out loud. Informational only.</p> <p>Letter from the Cable TV Advisory Committee regarding State Legislative Bill HD 1440, SD834. Ed Dugan, 168 Bryant Street spoke on why Mass Access has been working hard on creating this new law that would help to protect the cable committee. Explaining why apps in the future may be an issue and they wouldn't be funded. Discussion continued. Miller suggests that the Town Administrator can work on creating this letter, and in the next meeting to vote on letter.</p> <p>Update from the Berkley Cultural Council regarding the 2021 Grant Awards. Cultural Arts Council treasurer, Arlene Medeiros, 57 Point Street, stated that many people applied for grants in the amount of \$15,160.00. They received \$5,800.00 from the state and they had a lot of carryover funds due to last year being Covid. They were able to grant this year \$8,661.00. Medeiros provided the board with a list that had approximate numbers, dates, and descriptions of the winning applicants. The board congratulated all the listed approved applicants.</p>	<p>Larabee motion to approve and accept donation, Miller 2nd, both voted</p> <p>Larabee motion to file, Miller 2nd, both voted</p> <p>Larabee motion to table, Miller 2nd, both voted</p> <p>Larabee motion to file, Miller 2nd, both voted</p>
Appointment	Vote and sign approval for the Veterans Agent for the Town of Berkley. Miller giving thanks to Raymond Hague for his services.	Larabee motion to approve, Miller 2 nd , both voted
Old Business	<p>Board to continue discussion regarding the porta-potty on the common. Elwell Perry, President of the Historical Society, is concerned that the porta-potty would be tampered with. Miller voiced his concern that if the porta-potty is too far away from the basketball court and that people may not use it. Miller suggested securing the unit. Board and public discussed the best placement for the porta-potty. Perry also suggested a more neutral color other than the electric blue color these units come typically. Joseph Freitas, 18 Country Lane, who is donating funds to help with the cost of the porta-potty, shares the same concerns. Discussion continued. After conversing, the fencing suggestion will be further looked into and a neutral color will be requested upon ordering.</p> <p>Update from the Historical Commission regarding the Myricks Street project. Historical Commission, Andrea Perry and Byron Holmes provided the board a current brief update for the project. Discussion continued. Members added they will be getting quotes to do a topographic survey from three different companies. Miller asked when that is all set, they can come back in front of the board to take a vote. Holmes offered to get the Anrad application out as a part of his donation to this project. Perry also added that the Historical Commission is looking for more members, and if anyone is interested please reach out to the Town Administrator.</p> <p>Letter from counsel, William Solomon in regards to the denial of the Comcast contract. Attorney, William Solomon, Berkley's special counsel for cable, spoke on the Comcast contract being delayed and will be needing a few more weeks. Solomon gave his input for the upcoming hearing set to be heard on July 7th. Solomon stated he won't be present but he believes that this contract will be great improvements for the town. Discussion continued. The board gave there thanks.</p>	<p>Larabee motion to approve the units placement, secured, Miller 2nd, both voted</p> <p>Larabee motion to file Anrad application, Miller 2nd, both voted</p> <p>Larabee motion to file, Miller 2nd, both voted</p>


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Recess	Board to take a brief recess.	Larabee motion to recess, Miller 2 nd , both voted
Reconvene Regular Session	Board returned from recess.	Larabee motion to reconvene, Miller 2 nd , both voted
New Business	B.A.A. to discuss improvements to the Common Baseball Field. B.A.A. treasurer, Laura King, 4 Saints Way, discussing a quote from the South East Fence & Supply Co. King also being willing to get additional quotes. King explained how the Macomber family donated a charitable fund of \$5,000.00 in 2018 and the family requested to do something for the baseball field. Miller voiced his concern that if just the fence gets completed now, that in future projects, the fence may have to be moved. Jeff Macomber, 20 Thomas Road, believes the only thing that is relaly slowing the appearance to the common is the fence. He believes the fence is over 50-years old. Larabee gave thanks to the donating family. Larabee would like to get more people involved, and let the people know that there's a need for assistance. Miller suggests possibly forming a committee for upgrades to the common. Discussion continued.	No Action Taken
Executive Session Started at 8:40p.m.	Board to go into Executive Session under Chapter 30A §21(a) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and chair so declares; review of matter, votes may be taken.	Larabee motion to go into Executive Session, Miller 2 nd , both voted


George F. Miller, Chairman


Dean R. Larabee, Clerk


Krystal Dion, Administrative Assistant

Heat


Town Administrator