

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 06/21/2023

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Freitas, Chairman, Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:01 p.m. in the Moitoza – Petty Hearing Room	
Appointments (taken out of order)	<p>Board to discuss appointing Rob Cote as a new Finance Committee Member. Mr. Cote provided a brief introduction and noted that he's a retired IT specialist. The Finance Committee voted to appoint for a term of 3 years to expire June 30, 2026.</p> <p>Board to appoint Diane Maxwell to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Maxwell provided a brief introduction. Mr. Petty confirmed he was in favor of the appointment. The Board voted to appoint for a term of 3 years to expire June 30, 2026.</p> <p>Board to appoint Thomas Fernandes to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Fernandes provided a brief introduction. The Board voted to appoint for a term of 3 years to expire June 30, 2026.</p> <p>Board to appoint Jeffrey Anderson as Veterans Grave Officer. Interim Town Administrator Kevin Partridge spoke on Mr. Anderson's behalf and voiced his support to appoint. The Board voted to appoint for a term of 3 years to expire on June 30, 2026.</p> <p>Board to appoint various positions within the Police Department (list attached). The Board voted to appoint accordingly.</p> <p>Board to appoint various Boards and Committees (list attached). The Board voted to appoint accordingly.</p>	<p>Chabot to motion to appoint, Miller 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to appoint, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p>
Personnel	<p>Board to approve extension request of Krista Celia FY23 Vacation Time to be carried over and used by August 30, 2023. The Board voted to approve.</p> <p>Board to approve extension request of Ashleigh Haslam FY23 Vacation Time to be carried over and used by August 30, 2023. The Board voted to approve.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p>
Old Business	Board to approve Common Use Request for Plant Sale by Celebrations Committee on behalf of Berkley Garden Club. The Board voted to approve.	Cochrane to motion to approve, McCrohan 2 nd , voted.
New Business	Board to review request for Entertainment License from American Legion for the Zerbini Family Circus. Mr. Mangels provided a brief description and noted that there will be a Veterans Night and a night that a portion of proceeds will benefit the Somerset Berkley Scholarship Foundation. The Board voted to approve and waive related fee.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd , voted. McCrohan to motion to waive fee, Cochrane 2 nd , voted.

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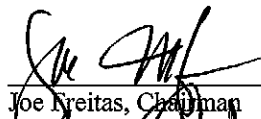

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Finance Committee (taken out of order)	The Finance Committee made a motion to appoint Matthew Chabot as Chair. The Finance Committee voted to appoint for a term of three years to expire June 30, 2023.	Miller to motion to appoint, Freitas 2 nd , voted.
New Business	<p>Board to review and possibly approve Chapter 61 Decision for 118 Bay View Avenue. The Board voted to approve and not exercise its option to purchase.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve Chapter 61 Decision for 694R Berkley Street. The Board voted to hold.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve Chapter 61 Decision for 62 Locust Street. The Board voted to approve and not exercise its option to purchase.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve ARPA funds request (2) from Superintendent Ryan. The SRO Fund Request was held back. Ms. Ryan spoke on the necessity of a special education teacher and the impact felt of the current lack thereof. Chairman Freitas advised that the FAC will need to review prior to Board decision.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve ARPA funds request from Chief Fournier. Chief Fournier and Deputy Chief Perry gave a short explanation of the request and the benefits to adding vehicles to replace firetrucks to EMS calls. Chairman Freitas advised that the FAC will need to review prior to Board decision.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to hold, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>Information only; no action needed.</p> <p>Information only; no action needed.</p>
Public Input (taken out of order)	Kris Silva, President & CEO of the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and gave the Board a Save the Date for an event.	Information only; no action needed.
New Business	<p>Board to discuss forming an Agricultural Commission. Interim Town Administrator Partridge noted that the Town currently does not have said Commission and that Town Counsel confirmed that the matter will need to go to Special Town Meeting for a vote.</p> <p>Board to review and potentially sign contracts for IT Equipment and DPW pick-up truck. The Board voted to sign both contracts.</p> <p>MBTA update with Clerk McCrohan. Clerk McCrohan provided an update noting that currently Berkley falls under the "Adjacent Small Town Category", and this juncture the next step would be to zone appropriately, only. The Board noted that Town Counsel should review and the matter will be revisited at next meeting.</p>	<p>Information only; no action needed.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to sign, Cochrane 2nd, voted.</p> <p>Information only; no action needed.</p>
Town Administrator Report	<p>A brief update was given on the ARPA report.</p> <p>The Parking Lot was re-painted and is expected to need a reapplication in 3-4 years.</p> <p>Cell Phones for the Board and Town Administrator have been ordered.</p>	<p>Information only; no action needed.</p>

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	<p>Department Updates: The Dighton Rock Museum is open for the summer Wed-Sun 9am-4pm.</p> <p>The Town Administrator Search continues and first round interviews have been scheduled.</p> <p>A reminder was given about the Employee Meeting and Luncheon.</p> <p>MIIA Insurance Stipend continues to be approved.</p> <p>Cemetery Commission was reorganized.</p> <p>The Celebrations Committee needs to be reformed – there are currently 0 members, anyone interested should reach out.</p> <p>IT Grant: part one requires upgrades on the infrastructure and part two (fiber grant) was awarded at \$200,000.00.</p> <p>The Town Audit has been completed and copies are available in the Town Administrator's Office.</p>	<p>Information only; no action needed.</p> <p>Information only; no action needed.</p> <p>Information only; no action needed.</p>
Public Input	<p>George Miller spoke on the MBTA matter. Mr. Miller appreciates all the research and effort put in by Clerk McCrohan. But, he feels that the Town is not designed for multi-family housing and fears that the Town would change in a way that simply can't be afforded; the Town would be put in a huge deficit as a result. Mr. Miller believes the Board should not comply and bring it to Town Meeting to get the opinion of the residents in a nonbinding matter.</p>	<p>Information only; no action needed.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The Board voted to adjourn, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Freitas 2nd, voted.</p>


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Kevin P. Partridge, Interim Town Administrator



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Annual Appointments

Animal Control Officer	Marc	Dorschied	Exp. 6/30/2024
Zoning Board of Appeals	Marc	Oliveira	Exp. 6/30/2026
	Lucas	Tourgee	Exp. 6/30/2026
Assistant Gas Inspector	Joel	Figueirido	Exp. 6/30/2024
Assistant Treasurer	Molly	Lima	Exp. 6/30/2024
Assistant Town Accountant	Kara	Koska	Exp. 6/30/2024
Building Commissioner and Zoning Officer	Joseph	Biszko	Exp. 6/30/2024
	John	Santos	Exp. 6/30/2024
Cable TV Advisory Committee	Kerrie-Ann	Auclair	Exp. 6/30/2025
	Joseph	Sousa	Exp. 6/30/2026
Conservation Commission	David	Patrick	Exp. 6/30/2026
	George	Faria, Jr.	Exp. 6/30/2025
	Diane	Maxwell	Exp. 6/30/2026
	Thomas	Fernandes	Exp. 6/30/2026
Constable	Ian	Daley	Exp. 6/30/2024
	Paul	Flint	Exp. 6/30/2024
	David	Smith	Exp. 6/30/2024

Council on Aging	Kathleen	Strozyk	Exp. 6/30/2026
Cultural Arts Council	Angela	Chang	Exp. 6/30/2024
	Susan	Barrett	Exp. 6/30/2024
Ethics Committee Liaison	Heather	Almy	Exp. 6/30/2024
Finance Committee	Matthew	Chabot	Exp. 6/30/2026
	Robert	Cote	Exp. 6/30/2026
Fence Viewer	Joseph	Biszko	Exp. 6/30/2024
Gas Fitting Agent	Guy	Parenteau	Exp. 6/30/2024
GATRA Advisory Board	Dean	Larabee	Exp. 6/30/2024
Harbormaster	Christopher	Baker	Exp. 6/30/2024
Harbormaster, Assistant	Scott	Fournier	Exp. 6/30/2024
Historical Commission	Erica	McGuire	Exp. 6/30/2026
Joint Transportation Planning Group	Joseph	Callahan	Exp. 6/30/2024
			Exp. 6/30/2024
Sealer of Weights and Measurements	David	Enos	Exp. 6/30/2024
SRPEDD Commissioner	Rob	Cote	Exp. 6/30/2024
Taunton River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council	Joseph	Callahan	Exp. 6/30/2024
			Exp. 6/30/2024
Town Assessor	Gary	Hoitt	Exp. 6/30/2024
Town Counsel	Mead, Talerman & Costa LLC		Exp. 6/30/2024
Town Counsel (Special)	Blatman, Bobrowski & Haverty		Exp. 6/30/2024

Trench Permitting Authority	Joseph	Biszko	Exp. 6/30/2024
Veterans Grave Officer	Jeffrey	Anderson	Exp. 6/30/2026
Wire Inspector	George	Faria, Jr.	Exp. 6/30/2024



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Police Department **Annual Appointments**

* All Police Department Appointments listed below have a term expiring June 30, 2024, with the exception of the Police Chief.

Police Chief

Christopher H. Baker *Exp. June 30, 2025

Full-Time Detective Sergeant

Arthur Newhook Jr.

Full-Time Sergeants

David Bernard

Kevin Realini

Full-Time Officers

Matthew Engstrom

Derick Freire

Marc Gaspar

Gregory Haarala

Daniel Meadows

Scott Raudonaitis

Full Time 911 Signal Operators

Jason Almeida

Michael Avilla

Michael Dagenais

Part-Time Public Safety Dispatchers

Alexander Barbour

David Chretien

Lexis Katz

Emma Rioux

Jeanne Verrier

Caitlin Whitmore

Part-Time Officers

Jason Almeida

Michael Avilla

Michael Dagenais

Ernest Chretien

Edward Dwyer

Jeffrey Finucci

Brian Kutcher

Jonathan Rioux

Cameron Wentworth

Raymond Venturini