

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 08/02/2023

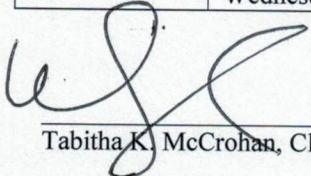
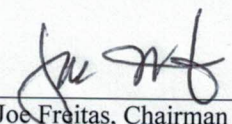
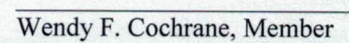
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TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Personnel	Board to interview and possibly hire Bruno Rivera for the position of Maintenance/Custodial Assistant. Mr. Rivera provided a brief description of his skills. The Personnel Board voted to recommend. The Board voted to hire Mr. Rivera.	McCrohan to motion to hire, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Appointments	Board to review and possibly appoint Maureen Alizio to the Historical Commission. Ms. Alizio was not present and the Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence from 53 Anthony Street. The Chairman established a clear boundary that all communications from either party were to go directly through the Chairman. Clerk McCrohan read the letter into the record. The Chairman also clarified that the Board has very little jurisdiction over other elected officials but are here to help and try to mediate. Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan voiced their frustration and concerns for safety regarding exiting their driveway with the installed berm. Mr. Rose, Highway Surveyor, spoke on the matter. Mr. Rose provided the Board with photos prior to the berm installation and explained that without same, the water saturates and causes spider-cracks and other various issues. As paving is only done once every 25-30 years, the goal is preservation. Mr. Rose reiterated that all the work must meet state standards, and it does. One of the main issues appeared to be the trees on the side of the road, which were determined to be a neighbors' property. After continued discussion, the Chairman and the Board sympathized and understood the concerns and frustration and suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan speak with their neighbor and discuss removing/cutting down the trees causing issue.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
New Business (taken out of order)	Board to review and approve Application for Special License for Bay State Beagle Club. The Board voted to approve the Application for a 3 day Liquor License valid for October 6, 2023- October 8, 2023.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review letter of resignation from Matthew Chabot from the Finance Committee. The Board read the resignation into the record.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to review letter of appeal from 19 Church Street residents. The Board read the letter of appeal into the record and voted to file.	McCrohan to motion file, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review correspondence regarding a Case Management Conference for Civil Action No. 23MISC000297. The Board read the letter into the record and voted to file.	McCrohan to motion file, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Minutes to be Approved	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2023 and Board to review and approve Executive Session Minutes for July 19, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Old Business	Board to review and possibly submit MBTA Form. The Board discussed the form and drafting a plan to present at 2025 Annual Town Meeting. It was questioned if Chapter 90 funding has been affected by noncompliance, which it's been confirmed that as of yet, it has not been affected, but it was reiterated that we do not want to jeopardize funding. The Chairman noted that he is not in favor of any state mandate. He wants the state to respect the wishes of the residents of Berkley that do not want additional housing nor want to be a	

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New Business	part of the MBTA process. The Finance Committee Chair, Rob Cote, offered his opinion: it is a law and there are ramifications. Mr. Cote suggested that we proactively sign the form and take the concerns to the Housing Department for discussion. McCrohan and Cochrane voted to submit the form, Freitas voted nay. The vote to submit passed.	McCrohan to motion to submit, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and possibly sign MOA with Police Union. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and approve suggested Soil Information Addendum to Building Permit Application. The Board voted to approve. The Chairman reiterated that the Board as the Soil Conservation Board should be sure to review any and all applications that may deal with possible soil issues.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
Town Administrator Report	Board to review and approve Inter-municipal Agreement for Local Public Health Services. The Interim Town Administrator explained that there are several Towns involved and each are reviewing the Agreement. The Board voted to allow the Town Administrator to sign and process the Agreement once complete.	McCrohan to motion to allow Town Administrator to continue process, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	The Interim Town Administrator discussed establishing the Special Town Meeting date and offered Monday, November 13, 2023 as a suggestion. The Board voted to set the date for Special Town Meeting to Monday, November 13, 2023.	McCrohan to motion to set STM date, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.
	Berkley Botanicals has officially opened for business, the Board will need to make a designation for the donation.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	The Extension of the Interim Town Administrator's contract was discussed to continue through November 30, 2023.	
	The Interim Town Administrator announced the grant received by the Fire Department to purchase air packs and cylinders.	
	Congressman Auchincloss will be visiting Berkley. The Interim Town Administrator noted that there will be certain matters prepared for discussion.	
	Discussions began about changing the hours for Wednesday. The Chairman discussed getting a consensus.	
Adjournment	The Board voted to adjourn, with the announcement of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.	McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Cochrane 2 nd ; voted.


Tabitha K. McCrohan, Clerk
Joe Freitas, Chairman
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member