

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 10/26/2023

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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Public Hearing	Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 166, Section 22, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room at the Town Office Building, 1 North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts, on the joint petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing the installation of two new joint pole locations, EL108-S and EL109-S on Padelford Street, in the Town of Berkley. Interested parties are welcome to attend and comment; persons wishing to be heard should appear on the date and at the time and place designated above. Comments can also be sent to the Board of Selectmen either by mail, c/o Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts 02779, or via e-mail, <a href="mailto:selectmen@berkleyma.us">selectmen@berkleyma.us</a> , prior to the date and time of the public hearing. Plans on file in Town Clerk's Office for public viewing. Mr. Tyler Arruda, an engineer from TMLP, came to speak on the proposed installation. The new poles will be used as guide poles. Mr. Stephen D'Angelo of 30 Padelford Street ask for location confirmation. Mr. Arruda noted that a tree will be coming down and there will be a police detail. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to open Public Hearing, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.  McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.  McCrohan to motion to close Public Hearing, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Meeting Minutes	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Executive Session Minutes of September 27, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and approve Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2023. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.

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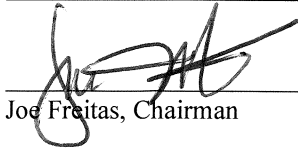
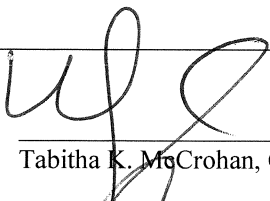
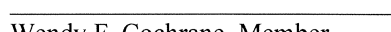
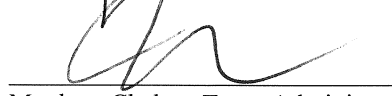
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Appointments	Finance Committee Appointing Authority to review and possibly appoint Eric Wu to the Finance Committee. The Board voted to table.	McCrohan to motion to table, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
New Business (taken out of order)	<p>Board to review and approve Common Use Request for Troop 31 Christmas Tree Sales. The Board voted to approve for any weekend in December dependent on tree availability.</p> <p>Presentation from the Historical Commission regarding final plans for the St. Yves Memorial Field Project. Andrea Perry, Erica McGuire and Maureen Alizio were in attendance, along with Nyles Zager of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Mr. Zager shared the updated plans and wanted to obtain Board approval prior to moving forward. The survey was also completed. The proposal is for a new softball field, parking along front of lot and side, a wraparound walking trail, a playground, picnic area and a kiosk area. Wetlands require and will have stone water management. The Chairman confirmed that the current entry would remain and it was confirmed. The Chairman asked the Town Administrator to confirm that the Police Chief and Fire Chief are comfortable with the entrance/exit and if so, the Board was comfortable with the plans as proposed. There was also concern of water overflow and it was confirmed that it would still go into the wetlands and would in fact be an improvement from the current situation. The Chairman invited the Historical Commission to have a flyer at STM and the Board voted to accept the plan contingent on Chiefs' approval.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce Membership. The Board voted to approve.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve Chapter 90 purchase of John Deere tractor with mover attachment. Mr. Rob Rose, Highway Surveyor, spoke on the need for the new tractor. The current tractor is nearly 20 years old and also came through Chapter 90 monies. The tractor is necessary to maintain town property and if not properly maintained, public safety could be compromised at intersections, etc. The Chairman asked Mr. Rose for clarity on Chapter 90 monies and what applies for same. Mr. Rose explained that Chapter 90 monies must be used for road rebuilding projects and equipment; the tractor is the first part of that process (mowing back the land, etc.). The Chairman asked for a rundown explanation on department spending over the last 5 years. Mr. Rose explained that there were certain monies that had to be spent in a certain time frame and that the Highway Department is an expensive machinery department and there is unfortunately no way around it. However, the department stretches their equipment as best they can and OSHA requirements must be followed. The Board voted to approve.</p> <p>Board to review and possibly approve Public Records Fulfillment Policy. The Board voted to approve.</p>	<p>Cochrane to motion to approve, McCrohan 2<sup>nd</sup>; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2<sup>nd</sup>; voted.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to approve, Cochrane 2<sup>nd</sup>; voted.</p>
Meeting Mail	Board to review correspondence from Berkley Fire/Rescue Employees Association. Clerk McCrohan read the correspondence into the record. The Board voted to open negotiations.	McCrohan to motion to open negotiations, Cochrane 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.

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Town Administrator Report	<p>The Town Administrator offered the Board a reminder for Berkley Botanicals non-municipal donation. He also noted that the USA Epoxy deposit was sent and there is a target date of Friday, November 17 for work. The Chairman asked if the guaranty of work would remain the same at that time of year and the Town Administrator noted he would confirm. The Town Administrator also provided an update of the TMLP Fiber Optic WAN project: tentative construction is set for 2024 with a potential completion of June 2024.</p> <p>The Town Administrator also asked the Board for verbal permission that Camping World was allowed to open for business per their email request on Veteran's Day and the Board voted to allow.</p> <p>The Town Administrator lastly noted that there are new pickleball lines on the court and inquired if there were any implications for same. The Chairman felt it was a change of use and asked the Town Administrator to reach out to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Couto to attend the next Selectmen's Meeting. Member Cochrane asked that the Board do a review of Business Certificates and procedure for same; the Assistant Town Administrator noted she is working on a suggested procedure and will have same for review by the next meeting.</p>	<p>Information Only, No Action Needed.</p> <p>McCrohan to motion to allow, Cochrane 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</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, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>McCrohan to motion to adjourn, Cochrane 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</p>

  
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Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator