

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 , 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Gajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

This meeting was posted in conjunction with the Town of Berkley Selectmen for the purpose of presenting a plaque from the Finance Committee and Certificate of Acknowledgement from the Selectmen to Edgar Hoak for his ten years of service as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The selectman acknowledge Steve Castalina who wanted to share information that the Town of Berkley may be interested in checking into regarding the proposed commuter rail mitigation measures (South Coast Rail Project).

Mr. Castalina provided a questionnaire that was generated and used by the Town of Raynham as possible suggestions/questions as a starting point for information.

Also, changes were made in the state transportation fees. Rail use to be roughly \$30,000 and MBTA Gatra services was roughly \$10,000. A few years back, the Town of Berkley challenged the State of Massachusetts and the fees were reversed.

It was recommended that the Finance Committee research the Commuter Rail Mitigation formula to get an idea of the impact the railroad may have on Berkley.

The first train expected to come through Berkley is in 2023.

The selectmen shared that the Cherry Sheet, Chapter 90 funding figures came in at \$261,954.00 for Berkley.

Chairman Joe Freitas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Motion was made and seconded. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.

Nancy B Gajoli
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Michele Hamilton