

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 05/15/2024

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Tabitha K. McCrohan, Chairwoman, Jennifer Vincent, Clerk, Joe Freitas, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Moitoza-Petty Hearing Room	
New Business (taken out of order)	Board to reorganize. The Board voted to name Tabitha McCrohan as Chairwoman and Jennifer Vincent as Clerk.	Freitas to motion to elect McCrohan, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.  McCrohan to motion to elect Vincent, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Soil Board	Pursuant to Article 12, Section 4, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Berkley, the Soil Conservation Board will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Moitoza-Petty Room at the Town Office Building, One North Main Street, Berkley, Massachusetts, regarding the application of Limitless Development LLC for an Earth Alteration Permit to perform work at the property known as and number 12 Orchard Street, Berkley, Massachusetts, further identified in the Assessor's records at Map 10, Lot 113. Interested parties are welcome to attend and comment. A copy of the aforesaid application is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection during the Town Officers' regular business hours. Mr. Brian Dunn, engineer of the proposed work project, spoke on the project. Said project would be a 4 Lot Subdivision, with an estimated 19,925 cubic yards of ground to be altered with an anticipated 3-5 large truckloads and some of the loam to be reused and excess to be exported off site. The proposed subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board and it's been confirmed that no Notice of Intent nor Conservation Commission approval is required because all work to be completed is outside of the 100 ft. buffer zone. The import of loam is ultimately for elevation and it will be clean fill soil that's brought in. The Board reiterated that clean soil with no toxic properties is expected to be used. There were no abutters present at the Hearing and the Board voted to approve the permit.	Freitas to motion to enter public hearing, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.  Vincent to motion to approve, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.  Vincent to motion to close public hearing, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
New Business	Board to review and possibly approve Application for a Special One-Day License to sell Wine & Malt Beverages at the Bay State Beagle Club on July 13, 2024 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with transport of liquor on July 12, 2024 through July 14, 2024, only. The Board voted to approve.	Freitas to motion to approve, McCrohan 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and possibly approve FY25 – FY27 Contract of the Fire Chief. Member Freitas noted gratitude and appreciation for Fire Chief Fournier. The Board voted to approve.	McCrohan to motion to approve, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to host discussion with Freetown Town Administrator Deborah Petty concerning collaboration between the Town of Freetown and the Town of Berkley regarding Freetown's Municipal Fiber project. Ms. Deborah Petty, Town Administrator of Freetown, attended the meeting and informed the Board that the Town of Freetown was awarded a fiber grant to connect town buildings and public safety communication towers as part of their safety communications. TMLP will do the work paid through the grant and it's been confirmed that an Intermunicipal Agreement was not necessary. Town Administrator Petty wanted to speak with the Board to be sure they were aware and okay with the work being done as some would be done on Berkley grounds. The Board did not take a vote, but all agreed that they were okay with same.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to review and possibly approve Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Community Technical Assistance Application Form. The Town Administrator confirmed there would be no cost to the Town; Member Freitas asked to add to the list of traffic areas to review, including Padelford Street and Route 79. The Board voted to table.	Vincent to motion to table, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.



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Old Business	Board to review and possibly approve Personnel Reserve Appropriation Transfer. The Board voted to approve.	Vincent to motion to approve, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review and possibly approve License Agreement for 60R Anthony Street to the Berkley Athletic Association, Inc. The Board voted to approve.	Freitas to motion to approve, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to discuss potential approval of Pierce's Point roadway layout. The Board discussed the situation in that there is a Citizens' Petition to have the road completed and the Board is taking the steps to try to help. The School Department also has issues with the lack of a road for school bus transport. The Chairwoman wanted to table the matter for the time, but with the intentions to keep things moving for Special Town Meeting. The Road layout needs to be reviewed. The Planning Board intended to accept it once fully developed but the Builder did not complete the work. The Board noted the next couple of steps will be to meeting with the Planning Board and work to get the developer to finish the job. Title research will be required. The Board intends to have joint meetings with the Planning Board. The Board voted to table.	Vincent to motion to table, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review Financial Balance Sheet and Statement of Ownership for the combined Massachusetts cable television operators of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The Board voted to file.	Freitas to motion to file, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review NationalGrid Vegetation Management Plan. The Board voted to file.	Vincent to motion to file, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
	Board to review Bristol County Agricultural High School Commencement invitation. The Board noted they will all attend and file.	Freitas to motion to file, Vincent 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Meeting Minutes	Board to review and possibly approve Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023. The Board voted to table.	Vincent to table, Freitas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; voted.
Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator informed the Board he attended the Day on the Hill and he discussed the inadequacies of Chapter 70 funds with Representative Orrall. The Town Administrator also reminded all of the Memorial Day Parade and informed the Board that the Library Building Committee application could potentially be approved on May 20 and that the application is nearly completed.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Finance Committee Update	Mr. Wu spoke and noted that the process has been very trying and that every Department was asked to make sacrifices. The proposed budget needed changes as it stood.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Public Input	Joe Freitas thanked Wendy Cochrane for her service.	Information Only; No Action Needed.

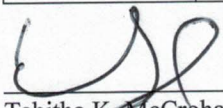
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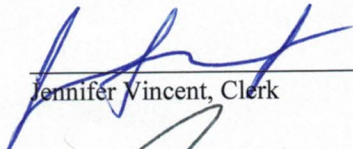
Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn with the announcement of the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:05 PM.

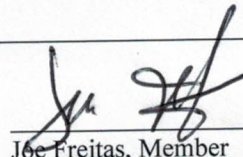
Vincent to motion to adjourn, Freitas 2<sup>nd</sup>; voted.



Tabitha K. McCrohan, Chairwoman



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Joe Freitas, Member



Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator