

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 09/11/2024


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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:29 p.m. in the Moitoza-Petty Hearing Room	
Personnel	Board to review and post the position of Administrative Assistant to the Berkley Conservation Commission. The Personnel Board voted to recommend. The Board voted to post.	Vincent to motion to recommend, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
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	Board to review and accept the resignation of Kerri-Ann Auclair from the Berkley Conservation Commission. The Board voted to accept.	Vincent to motion to accept, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and accept the resignation of Marueen Alizio from the Berkley Historical Commission. The Board voted to accept.	Vincent to motion to accept, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and accept the resignation of Lucas Tourgee from the Berkley Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board voted to accept.	Vincent to motion to accept, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
Appointments	Board to review and possibly appoint Gene K. Flint to the Soil Board. The voted to appoint, with the exception of Chairwoman McCrohan who abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.	Vincent to motion to appoint, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
New Business	Board to sign Subsidizing Agency Paperwork regarding Berkley LD, LLC. The Board voted to sign.	Freitas to motion to sign, Vincent 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to open Special Town Meeting Warrant with proposed closing date of Monday, October 7, 2024 at 2:30 PM. The Board voted to open.	Vincent to motion to open, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss proposed Right to Farm Bylaw and its inclusion on the Special Town Meeting warrant with the Berkley Agricultural Commission. The Board voted to include.	Vincent to motion to include, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss proposed warrant article to combine and appoint the Treasurer and Collector positions. The Board voted to include.	Vincent to motion to include, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss viability of part-time Conservation Agent/Town Planner for future budgeting purposes. The Board took no action on this item at this time.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to discuss the Berkley Soil Conservation Board's scope, responsibility and future composition. The Board took no action on this item at this time.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to review November Special Town Meeting warrant article and motion for Berkley Community School project. The Board voted to include.	Vincent to motion to include, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	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 October 5, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with transport of liquor on October 4, 2024 through October 6, 2024, only. The Board voted to approve.	Vincent to motion to approve, Freitas 2 nd ; approve.
	Board to host representatives from Boy Scout Troop 31 to discuss calendar fundraising effort on Saturday, September 14 and Saturday, September 28. The Bord voted to approve.	Vincent to motion to approve, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.

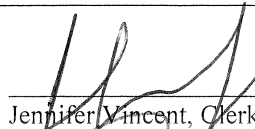
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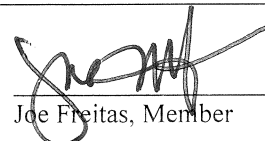
Meeting Mail	Board to review and sign contract and proposal for a water system extension evaluation from Tighe and Bond. The Board voted to table.	Vincent to motion to table, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to discuss the possibility of a transition to a five-member Board of Selectmen and the legal pathways that would be necessary to achieve same. The Board took no action on this item at this time.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to review letters of support for interim Fire Chief Jason Perry. The Chairwoman informed the audience and Board that there are currently 27 letters of support. The Board took no action on this item at this time.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	Board to review invitation to SRPEDD Annual Meeting. The Board took no action on this item at this time.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Meeting Minutes	Board to review notice of National Grid Somerset to Bridgewater Reliability Project. The Chairwoman read the details into the record and voted to file.	Freitas to motion to file, Vincent 2 nd ; voted.
	Board to review and possibly approve Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2024. The Board voted to approve.	Freitas to motion to approve, Vincent 2 nd ; voted.
Town Administrator Report	The Town Administrator updated the Board and audience with respect to the Veterans Day Ceremony noting that the Town is officially a Purple Heart community and he would like to work to plan the celebration and dedication to be held on Veterans Day. He also discussed a proposed Capital Plan noting the calendar for the planning process. Lastly, the Town Administrator updated the Board regarding the Safe Routes Webinar and Application wherein information for safe routes is being collected and he intends to apply for an application for installation of sidewalks.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Public Input	Andrea Perry, Chairman of the Berkley Historical Commission spoke to the Board and the audience noting that the Commission has lost a member and wanted to get the information out there that there is an open position to be filled.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
	George Miller of 16 Parsons Walk spoke to the Board and the audience regarding the importance of public input; Mr. Miller noted that he received a copy of an unposted Agenda and wanted to discuss an item that was on same. He wanted to discuss the public commentary restrictions and his opposition to same. The Chairwoman rebutted and informed Mr. Miller and the audience of the original intention of said discussion and further noted that the item did not make it on the approved posted Agenda because further research was required to refine the policy that the Board is looking to create.	Information Only; No Action Needed.
Adjournment	Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Board and Town and the Chair so declares. The Board voted to enter into Executive Session and noted they would not be reentering Open Session. The Board further noted their next meeting date of Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM.	McCrohan to motion to enter, Freitas 2 nd ; voted.



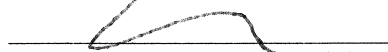
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