MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 06/04/2025 SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: Tabitha K. McCrohan, Chairwoman, Jennifer Vincent, Clerk

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Called to Order at 06:30 PM. in the Moitoza Pettey Room	
Appointments	Board to appoint Thomas Cordeiro to the position of Camera Operator; review of matter; votes may be taken	Tabitha McCrohan moved to appoint; Jennifer Vincent 2nd; approved
New Business:	Board to review the status of the MS4 Annual Report and discuss any necessary actions or filings. Board to review the matter; votes may be taken.	Tabitha McCrohan moved to authorize; Jennifer Vincent 2 ^{ne} ; approved
	Town Administrator Matthew Chabot presented the FY24 MS4 Annual Report, noting that the Town is currently behind in submitting it. He provided an overview of the compliance process, including dry weather screening and wet weather flow testing of the Town's outfalls to identify illicit discharges. He explained that funding for this work is sourced through a combination of grant funding and this year the general fund. Following his remarks, the Board unanimously approved a motion authorizing Mr. Chabot to sign and submit the MS4 report on behalf of the Town.	
	Board to host Andrea Perry for a review of the accepted approved plans for 46 Myricks St.; Board to review matter; votes may be taken	
	Andrea Perry presented an update on the plans for 46 Myricks Street, which has received approval from the state conservation commission. Due to state restrictions, the project footprint has been reduced to 4.99 acres but will still include a walking trail, a playground, a ball field, an all-purpose field, and a picnic area. Jennifer Vincent encouraged the Town to explore grant opportunities to help fund the project. Andrea Perry noted that discussions with an engineering firm were underway, including efforts to promote volunteer involvement and public awareness. The Board also briefly discussed the need to recruit additional members for the Historical Commission and expressed interest in expanding the trail network and adding informational kiosks in the area.	Information only; No action taken
	Board to discuss potential recognition for all elected and appointed officials who have left Town service since January 1, 2023; review of matter; votes may be taken Jennifer Vincent introduced a proposal to formally recognize elected and appointed officials who have left Town service since January 2023. She suggested launching a modest recognition event, potentially in conjunction with an existing Town celebration. The Board discussed how to compile names and service records and agreed to establish a process for this effort. The motion to proceed was approved unanimously.	Tabitha McCrohan moved to approve; Jennifer Vincent 2 nd ; approved
	Board to consider issuing a formal letter of commendation to Commandant Bruce Aldrich of the John J. Van Gyzen IV Marine Corps League Detachment in recognition of his longstanding service to veterans organizations across Southeastern Massachusetts; review of matter; votes may be taken	Tabitha McCrohan moved to approve; Jennifer Vincent 2 nd ; approved
2	Continuing on the theme of recognition, Ms. Vincent brought forward a motion to issue a formal letter of commendation to Bruce Eldridge for his longstanding service to veterans' organizations. She highlighted his leadership in the Toys for Tots program and his role in developing the Iwo Jima memorial project. The Board unanimously approved the commendation.	
	Board to discuss the recognition of Berkley students who received honors at Bristol- Plymouth Regional Technical School in DECA and SkillsUSA competitions. Discussion to include potential presentation date and outreach coordination: review of matter; votes may be taken	Tabitha McCrohan moved to approve; Jennifer Vincent 2 nd ; approved
	The Board also voted to recognize several Berkley students attending Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School who recently earned honors in DECA and SkillsUSA	

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competitions. All of the students are graduating seniors. The Board discussed the possibility of holding a recognition event before the school year concludes or, if needed, over the summer. A motion to issue citations to the students was unanimously approved.

Board to initiate discussion on the potential timing, purpose, and logistics of a fall special election; review of matter; votes may be taken

Information only;
No action taken

The Board then reviewed the timing and logistics for a potential fall special election, particularly in light of anticipated ballot questions. Mr. Chabot recommended a Saturday election date to minimize disruption to school operations. He also outlined key deadlines for the nomination process. **The Board agreed to revisit the date selection** at an upcoming meeting.

Board to consider the formation of a Fiscal Task Force (or similar working group) to support future Town financial planning; review of matter; votes may be taken

Tabitha McCrohan moved to approve; Jennifer Vincent 2nd; approved

Jennifer Vincent proposed the creation of a fiscal task force to assist with long-term financial planning and address ongoing structural budget issues. The proposed task force would include members from a variety of backgrounds and communicate with Town Officials and Department Heads to produce three fiscal alternatives for the Town of Berkley. The Board emphasized the importance of diverse perspectives and the need for a dedicated project manager to coordinate the task force's work. The Fiscal Task Force will be a standing item on the Board's agenda as interest is gathered. The formation of the task force was approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

Board to approve Meeting Minutes of May 21st, 2025; review of matter; votes may be taken

Board to approve Executive Session Minutes of May 21st, 2025; review of matter; votes may be taken

Board to approve Meeting Minutes of May 22nd, 2025; review of matter: votes may be taken

Board to approve Meeting Minutes of May 27th, 2025; review of matter; votes may be taken

Lastly, the Board approved the meeting minutes from May 21, 22, and 27 were approved en banc. Executive session minutes from May 21st were approved unanimously in separate motion.

Tabitha McCrohan moved to approve; Jennifer Vincent 2nd; approved

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting is Saturday, June 7th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Tabitha K. McErohan, Chairwoman,

Jernifer Vincent Clerk

Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator