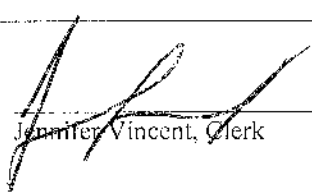
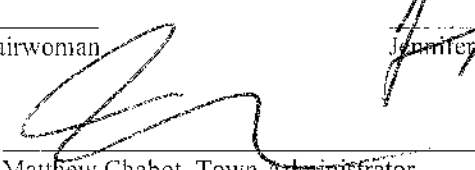


**MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 06/07/2025**

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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Called to Order at 08:00AM in the Berkley Council on Aging	
New Business:	<p>Board to host "Talk of the Town" conversations with members of the public.</p> <p>The meeting began formally at 8:00 AM; however, no members of the public were present until approximately 9:15 AM, when two residents, Peter and Kathy Botelho of Susan Drive, arrived. JV spoke with the Botelhos until 10:30 AM.</p> <p>During the conversation, several topics of interest were raised. Peter Botelho, a former Finance Committee member, brought thoughtful input on future Town Meeting procedures. He suggested that requests to appropriate from the stabilization fund should be presented as standalone articles rather than embedded within department-specific budgets. He made a compelling case for this approach, which may be worth further discussion by the Board. We also talked about the number and structure of warrant articles on the Town Meeting warrant. Peter had questions about how articles are numbered and whether there might be a more efficient or transparent way to present them. In addition, he expressed curiosity about Bristol-Plymouth (BP) and its potential impact on future tax rates.</p> <p>Another topic raised was the Bristol Aggie building assessment and what financial exposure the Town may have related to that project. He was also interested in understanding the full list of debt exclusions currently in place, as well as any projections related to the Berkley Community School (BCS) capital estimates.</p> <p>A significant portion of our conversation focused on the broader financial challenges facing the Town. Peter shared his perspective on the structural issues involved and asked several thoughtful questions that underscored the need for ongoing public engagement and transparency in financial planning.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM</p> <p>*Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, June 17th , 2025 at 5:00 P.M.*</p>	Information only; No action taken

  
Tabitha K. McCrohan, Chairwoman  
Jennifer Vincent, Clerk  
Matthew Chabot, Town Administrator