

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 10/30/2018

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman Heather Martin-Sterling, Clerk Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:04 pm at Town Hall Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Minutes	- Minutes for September 25, 2018 – Regular Session - Minutes for October 17, 2018 – Regular Session - Minutes for October 23, 2018 – Regular Session	Motion to approve made by Cochran, Sterling sec. – Voted Motion to approve with changes made by Cochran, Sterling sec. – Voted Motion to approve made by Cochran, Sterling sec. – Voted
Meeting Mail	- Miller read aloud a letter from Council on Aging thanking Marc Pacheco for his help with a grant.	Motion to file made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted
Appointments	- Joint Meeting with Berkley School Committee to appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy on the School Committee. Boards voted to appoint Jenifer Andrews.	Motion to appoint Jenifer Andrews to the School Committee until the next term - Unanimously Voted
Old Business	- Traffic on Jerome St. & Pine St. Tabled and temporarily removed.	Motion to table and temporarily remove discussion on traffic on Jerome & Pine St. made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted
Public Input	- Miller spoke to a Cub Scout from Troop 31 in the audience regarding his attendance at the meeting to earn a merit badge.	Informational – No action taken

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Appointments
Cont.

- 6:15pm – Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors
Cochrane read aloud the ad:

Motion to open
made by Cochrane,
Sterling sec. –
Voted**TOWN OF BERKLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:15 pm by the Board of Selectmen, Town Hearing Room, 1 N. Main St., Berkley, at which time the Selectmen will establish the classification relative to residential, commercial, industrial, personal property and open space. Those attending the hearing will have the right to present written and/or oral comments. Board of Selectmen: George F. Miller, Heather Martin-Sterling, Wendy F. Cochrane.

Motion to accept the
classification as
presented by the
Assessors and
approve a residential
factor of one made
and close the
hearing made by
Cochrane, Sterling
sec. – Voted

Moitoza suggested adopting a residential factor of one. He knows that we can go 1½, but he suggests one.

- Meeting with the Council on Aging regarding the Director position. Chairman Blake spoke about how she would like to increase the hours because the most qualified candidates did not submit their resumes due to the lack of benefits. Cochrane noted that if they hire someone and they take the family plan it will cost the Town side \$17,000 more on top of the pay. COA would like to raise the hours to 25. Cochrane also noted it is an additional \$8,500 to Bristol County Retirement. Miller noted that doing this would more than double the costs to the Town. Blake stated they can't keep running COA on volunteers they need someone to be there for all activities. Miller asked the Finance Committee Chairman Joe Freitas for input. His big concern going forward will be when they did the budget they were trying to accommodate everyone in every department and it will not be sustainable if you add the additional expenses. However, he does agree that the seniors do deserve this and have paid their dues. Miller asked if we do this are we in a position to fund this? Cochrane stated that for this year they would have enough because they have not paid someone as they were intending to start in June. Mr. Coutinho stated it was not realistic to get a Director for 19 ½ hours and 20k a year. That is more of a clerk. Blake stated they have a lot of state grants and other grants they can't apply for unless they have a director. They don't want just a clerk they want someone with experience with senior issues. The Board would like to discuss this more before voting and they need more input from the Finance Committee to see what the costs would be. Miller would like to see every resume and interview multiple people as well as be more involved this time.

Motion to table until
next meeting made
by Cochrane,
Sterling sec. –
Voted

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Public Input

- Diane Ennis on November 11, 2018 Bells of Peace ringing of the bells. Also if anyone needs a hot meal on Thanksgiving or knows of anyone in need of one please let the church know they will be delivering.
- Ernestine Tavares of 24 Pine Street wanted to know if they plan to address the concrete trucks on Pine St. Miller stated they are looking into it and there is a significant process that needs to be gone through to restrict traffic in a Town. Ernestine states they are coming up Jerome from Taunton and they can't stay in their lane they are in the center of the road and then they go onto Pine St. for shortcuts and they are barreling down the roads. It's a 70 Ton truck and it's unsafe and just keeps going on. It's not only the sound of the trucks and safety it's also the smell of the fumes coming into our homes. Miller stated they will address it on November 28th at the meeting. She stated she called the Police and asked them to monitor the activity.

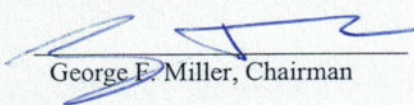
Informational – No action taken

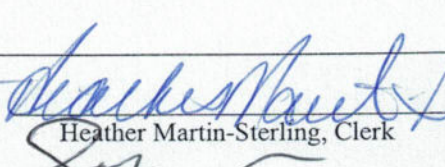
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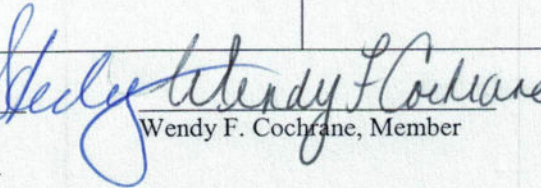
Meeting Adjourn

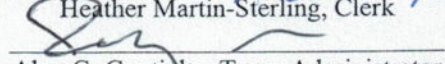
Motion to adjourn made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted

Next Regular Meeting November 14, 2018


George F. Miller, Chairman


Heather Martin-Sterling, Clerk


Wendy F. Cochrane, Member


Alan G. Coutinho, Town Administrator