

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 2/21/2018

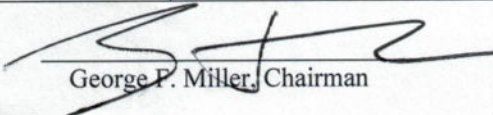
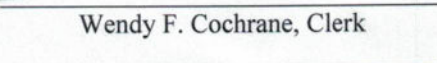
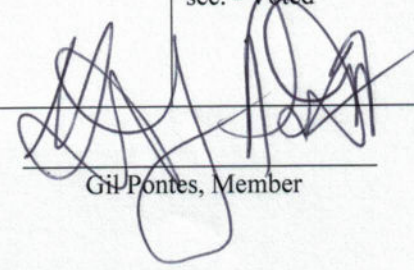
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman Gil Pontes, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:05 pm at Town Hall Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Meeting Mail	- The Selectmen received a draft of the supplemental environmental impact report from South Coast Rail. Selectman Pontes stated that he would look over the report on it at the next meeting. Stephen Castellina spoke on his own behalf stating that the report is bogus and that people on that study with no cars are probably on welfare and probably won't have child care anyway so they won't use the train. Chairman Miller stated that he does not see any positive impact to this town from the rail.	Motion to file by Pontes, Miller sec. - Voted
Appointments	- The Selectmen discussed a controlled growth bylaw and grant opportunities with the Planning Board as well as talk about a master plan. Mr. Coutinho stated that the town was offered \$20,000 towards a master plan, but that would not be enough, so he reached out to SRPEDD. Miller stated that the Town may have some available funds to put towards the master plan and will know more soon. Miller stated that the Selectmen need to work with and defer to the Planning Board so as not to step on their toes when working on this project and help with funding. Chairman Dan Burns of the Planning Board agreed that the Town needs a master plan. The Planning Board noted that they tried to accomplish this task approximately 15 years ago and then once again after that. Paul Bouche, member of the Planning Board noted that first time there was a lot of info gathered years ago and that it may still be around he was thinking maybe we can use it. Ed Hoak stated that there is a huge sense of urgency in the community and now is the time to act on this. Miller suggested that maybe we can reach out to those individuals to see if they can bring the stuff in. He also stated that there was an article written on what Berkley needs years ago and that it is online somewhere. Donna Leary noted that the only thing finished in the past was the open space. Mr. Coutinho stated that when they did the master plan in the previous town he worked for and it was a huge undertaking. They had a part-time planner working on that Town master plan and the key is to have someone working on it every day and it took approximately three years. A master plan should be done every 10 years or so. Miller suggested that the Planning Board ask Charlene if she would be interested in the extra hours and being the one who would spearhead this project by keeping in touch with the different departments and committees. The Planning Board said they would ask her but to keep in mind that she has another job and may not be able to. Miller asked Mr. Coutinho to find out when the deadline to sign the compact is, and the deadline on when we have to begin the process, and how long we have to finish. Mr. Coutinho stated who ever we get really needs to have experience with planning etc. Miller then discussed controlled growth bylaws. The Board had requested Town Counsel present us with examples from other Towns. The town of Ashby had a bylaw for controlled growth that was for five years and no	Informational – No action taken

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	more than 20 new dwellings in a year. Leary asked Miller if he could send over to them what Counsel had sent to the Selectmen. Stephen Castellina stated that he would be in favor of a controlled bylaw. Miller stated that we may end up cutting off our nose despite our face due to contractors pulling 40b and putting up 30 instead of 10 homes. Leary also noted that a controlled bylaw would not take into account the empty nesters that are moving out and a family of 5 could move in. Miller asked the Planning Board to let him know after their next regularly scheduled meeting what they think of these issues.	
Old Business	- The Selectmen went over the COA request for use of Berkley Common for the 4th of July Celebration. The COA will use the Public Safety Building for bathroom use instead of porta johns. Miller stated that he knows from time to time the Police Dept. is to offer volunteer detail work for the Town and asked Town Administrator to check with the Dept. to see if there is still time available.	Motion to approve use of the Common by Pontes, Miller sec. - Voted
New Business	- Request for transfer from the reserve fund in the amount of \$8,468 to be transferred to Bristol Aggie School Line Item. Town Administrator noted that there were 4 more students that attended than they had planned and budgeted. - Business Certificate Renewals: - o JPE Construction Services - o A-One Specialty Medical	Motion to approve by Pontes, Miller sec. - Voted Motion to file made by Pontes, Miller sec. - Voted
Public Input	- Jeanne Russo wanted to commend the Animal Control Officer for his work over the past week. She had lost her daughters dog while babysitting and Marc Dorschied did a wonderful job of recovering and returning the dog to them.	Informational – No action taken
Personnel Board	- The Board received a notice from Vicki Dawson resigning her position as Library Assistant for Technical Services at the Berkley Library and to take on the position of Library Director. Miller thanked her for her work and stated that he is sure the Library Trustees had done their due diligence in making sure she was the person for the job. Pontes thanked Schneller for his services as Library Director. Meeting Adjourn Next Meeting March 7, 2018	Motion to file by Pontes, Miller sec. - Voted Motion to adjourn by Pontes, Cochrane sec. - Voted


George F. Miller, Chairman
Wendy F. Cochrane, Clerk
Alan G. Coutinho, Town Administrator
Gil Pontes, Member