

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 3/28/2018

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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:05 pm at Town Hall Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes approved for March 7, 2018 – Regular Session 	Motion to table made by Cochrane, Miller Sec. – Pontes abstained
Meeting Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selectmen reviewed a pamphlet from the Berkley Cultural Council on the 2018 grant recipients. - The Board reviewed the public notification requirement from VHB regarding an application for Special Designation Permit Extension/Modification South Coast Rail Improvements Project <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting taken out of order Not anticipated by the Chairman within 48 hours</p>	<p>Motion to file made by Cochrane, Pones sec. - Voted</p> <p>Motion to file made by Pontes, Cochrane sec.- Voted</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council on Aging came in to discuss the situation with the keys and the police department. Selectman Cochrane went over the current agreement that was established with the Council on Aging, the Police Department, and the Selectmen. The Police Department agreed to hold a key for the COA and release to a list of approved COA volunteers to open the door for events being held after regular Town Hall office hours. With the volunteer returning the key after the event. 	Informational – No action taken
Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board met with representatives from the Task Force and Dean Larabee gave a presentation to the Selectmen on the potential Proposition 2 ½ override request. 	Motion to place on the May 12, 2018 ballot a proposition 2 ½ override as per Chapter 59 section 21 C to go in front of the voters for the amount of \$870,000 made by Pontes, Cochrane sec. - Voted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notice of right of first refusal 16.84 acres at 137 Bayview Ave 	Motion to table by Cochrane, Pontes sec. - Voted
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board appointed Joseph Biszko as Trench Permitting Authority and Fence Viewer with a term to expire June 30, 2018 	Motion to appoint made by Cochrane, Pontes sec. – Voted

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New Business
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- Chairman Miller wanted to discussion the Taunton Casino stating that the issue is not dead yet. Apparently a bill was filed to help move forward with the casino. We are basically on standby for now. Miller does not believe it will be beneficial for our Town.

Informational – No action taken

- The Board reviewed the preliminary FY19 Annual Town Meeting Warrant while the Town Administrator explained the articles. Miller explained why he felt that the Highway Surveyor position should be appointed not elected. That it is in fact a job and not a political position and it would be beneficial to the Town to change it to appointed. It would not be a good thing if someone ran for Highway Surveyor that had no experience with running the dept. or knew very little about taking care of the roads, plowing, etc. Mr. Coutinho made mention the cost of creating and mailing the warrant every year. Miller thought it was necessary to continue to do so.

Motion to approve the articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant subject to any unanticipated changes suggested by council was made by Cochrane, Pontes sec. – Voted

Town
Administrators
Report

- The town of Berkley Board of Selectmen will be meeting the following Tuesday with the Berkley School Committee at the Middle School to discuss the possibility of a school resource officer

Informational – No action taken

Personnel
Board

- The selectmen reviewed a letter of resignation from Carol Buote as Circulation Services Assistant Librarian so that she could be appointed as the Technical Services Assistant Librarian

Motion accept the resignation of Carol Buote as Circulation Services Assistant Librarian and to appoint Carol Buote as Technical Services Assistant Librarian made by Pontes, Cochrane sec. – Voted


Meeting Adjourn

Next Meeting April 3, 2018
Next Regular Scheduled Meeting April 4, 2018

Motion to enter into executive session to enter into contract discussions for the Town Administrator, Highway Dept., & Fire Chief and not to return to open session made by Cochrane, Pontes sec. – Voted Unanimous


George F. Miller, Chairman


Wendy F. Cochrane, Clerk


Gil Pontes, Member

Alan G. Coutinho, Town Administrator