

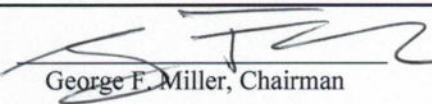
MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 4/3/2018

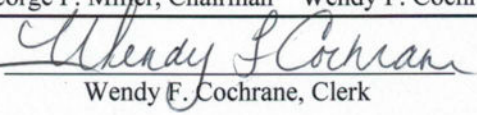
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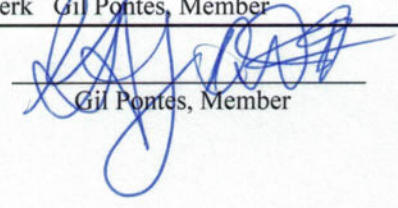
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:30 pm at Town Hall Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Meeting with the Berkley School Committee to discuss School Resource Officers	- The Boards discussed school resource officers. This had been discussed in the past but due to funding issues it could not happen at that time. - Dave Patrick, School Committee Chairman asked the Selectmen and the Police in attendance how to pay for SRO's. They also stated that they felt it was wise given the current situation to take a look at getting and SRO again. - Tom Lynch, Superintendent submitted a survey from the Mass Principals Association and that of the ones in Massachusetts 11 were funded solely by the Police Dept. Eight, were a funded ½ and ½ by the school and the police, and one was funded in total by the school. - Miller discussed the split financing and felt he doesn't want the school to have to take the full brunt. - Jennifer Vincent discussed how to best support and protect our children. - Scott Labonte confirmed that an SRO must be a Police Department employee. - The current preliminary budget does not include the SRO and the approximate cost is \$56,000 - Chief Labonte recommends one officer in both schools. But that one split is better than one. - Miller brought up discussing the role of the SRO and that it is not to be used for truancy or disciplinary actions on students. He also mentioned that every department in Town is understaffed. - It was noted that with two SRO's we would be the only town with an SRO in both the middle school and the elementary school. - Kimberly Hebert brought up ways to meet all the needs and that the cost of an SRO would equal the cost of a health teacher. - Both Boards agree to discuss at greater depth at a later date. Meeting Adjourn Next Scheduled Meeting April 4, 2018	All informational – No action taken

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