

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 9/18/2019

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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:02 pm at Moitoza - Pettey Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Minutes	<p>Minutes for September 04, 2019 – Regular Session</p> <p>Minutes for September 04, 2019 – Executive Session</p> <p>Meeting taken out of order</p>	<p>Motion to approve minutes for September 4, 2019 regular session &amp; executive session made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted</p>
Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointment #1: Discussion regarding the playground at the Common. Sgt. Mosher spoke about fundraisers and those contributing to the future playground including the basketball court. Miller suggested they speak to the gentleman that was in quite a few weeks ago who had stated they were looking to help revamp the courts as well. Mr. Newman from Berkley Police &amp; Taunton Parks and Recreation was also in attendance and is willing to help out the process. Mosher was looking for the Boards blessings to go forward. Mosher also mentioned golf fund raisers and dinners. Newman was thinking they would need some aggressive fundraising because they are going to need somewhere around \$100k to make it all happen. Miller noted that the Historical Society should be contacted and informed since they are abutters to the property. Miller asked about a timeline. Newman thought apx. three years. Mr. Coutinho stated that if there were a Special Town Meeting that it would be nice if the funds happen to be there that an article be placed on the warrant to help with the funding if the Town's people were in favor a new playground.</li> </ul>	<p>Informational – No action taken</p>
Meeting Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board received a letter of resignation from Ellen Bruno on the Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School Committee. Miller thanked her for her efforts. Mr. Coutinho noted that they have 30 days from the date of the notice to have a joint meeting to appoint until the next state election. Miller gave notice that anyone interested in serving on the Committee should reach out the Selectmen's office.</li> <li>- Letter from MMA regarding the legislative breakfast.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion to accept made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted</p> <p>Motion to file made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted</p>
Appointments Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SRPEDD Rep Eric Arbeene gave the Board a presentation on where the Master Plan is at now. He discussed how there have three public meeting so far with the next being on October 9, 2019 in the Council on Aging room at the Town Hall. Miller asked about funding. Arbeene stated funding is all set and they are hoping to have a little bit left over in the end to put towards one of the goals mentioned in the presentation.</li> <li>- Meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a personnel matter.</li> </ul>	<p>Informational – No action taken</p> <p>Motion to table made by Cochrane, Sterling sec. – Voted</p>



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Old Business

- Information on the Community Compact Best Practice Areas and the Community Compact IT Grant. Mr. Coutinho presented the Board with a packet of information for the Board to review.

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

Personnel Board

- Miller noted at the last meeting they interviewed three candidates for the COA Director position. The Board waited to make a decision because they wanted to give Blake a chance to clarify what she had said at the interview. Blake reached out after the interview and stated she cannot work the required hours. Miller noted the position is for 25 hours and at one point in the past it was presented as 40 hours but is now 25 hours. Miller read letter from Blake and noted she did a lot as a volunteer and as a volunteer she was working more than 25 hours a week. He mentioned that having to work so many hours as a volunteer showed that there is a suggestion that there needs to be an expanded growth to the COA. Moroff noted that Blake helped plan lots of things for the center. Miller stressed how much Blake as well as the other COA Board members had advocated for a full time Director and/or for more hours and that they were the ones who pushed for the 25 hours because they needed someone who could do it all. Miller stated that there is an excellent candidate now that has applied and it would not benefit the center by reducing the hours by 25% to accommodate Blake. Nancy Thompson noted at one point she was the only member and she alone did the agenda and newsletter to her best and was a mentor to Blake. She stated Blake had done a great job. However, she feels the COA needs to go forward and not backwards. Thompson just wants what is right for the COA and residents as a whole. Thompson said she checked the references for the other candidate and they were fabulous. Thompson noted that to reduce the hours to accommodate someone else would not be doing the COA any justice at all. Miller stated that they need to have someone that can work the hours because if not they may never get them back. Also if in the future the position may have more hours they would not be able to do so if the person hired has to work even less than is advertised now. Miller noted that it is because of Blake's retirement she cannot work as the director. Freitas stated that they fought hard for the COA to get them the money because they stated they needed it to reach the people they can't reach. Reducing the hours would not make sense. Miller stated if the director gets more growth and more activities they would need that person to extend their hours.

Motion to appoint Cynthia Crimlisk as Council on Aging Director at 25 hours per week with a probationary period made by Sterling, Miller sec., Cochrane abstain – Voted



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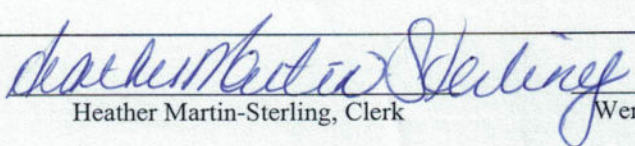
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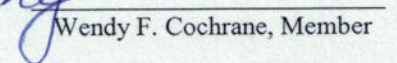
Meeting Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting October 2, 2019

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

  
George F. Miller, Chairman

  
Heather Martin-Sterling, Clerk

  
Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

Alan G. Coutinho, Town Administrator