

# MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 2/12/2020

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

| TOPIC        |  | ACTION   |
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|              | Meeting Convened at 6:00pm at Moitoza -- Petrey Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.   |  |
| Minutes      | Minutes Tabled   | Cochrane motioned to table minutes, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted                     |
| Meeting Mail | Letter from MMA regarding Legislative Breakfast Meetings; Mr Miller asked is Town Administrator was going to the breakfast, she stated she would look at her schedule  | Cochrane motioned to file, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted.                             |
|              | Notice from Cultural Council regarding 2020 Grant Awards   | Cochrane motioned to file, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted.                             |
|              | Email from Sharon Pothier and Jeff Duhancik regarding Locust St; Discussion with Chief Labonte regarding the speed and motorists not moving over and the no stopping at the 4 way stop sign at the Common. The email was read into the record. Chief stated these are not the first complaints regarding this area. They get complaints from other areas in Town as well. They try to put the radar trailer out there. It does help and does become a deterrent. With only 2 officers on per shift they are doing the best they can with what they have. Mr Miller said he does see quite a bit more Police presence. He asked if there is anything specific that they can do. He said the only thing they can do is put an additional officer on just for traffic, but with only 2 officers on if there is a call then there isn't anyone to do traffic control. Also in the past they participated in various programs and received Grants, but because of the number of citations that were issued and the decrease in traffic accidents we no longer qualify for the grant. They can put an extra officer on as the budget allows it but it wouldn't be every day. Chief stated they are at the level to just have 2 officers on each shift. They are doing the best they can and will continue to do so with the man power that they have. Mr Miller stated if there was a time that we could get another officer he would like to see a SRO, Ms Cochrane asked about the signs with the flashing lights. 7-8 years ago the Police Department got a radar trailer. They are in the process of getting a portable sign to mount on a road because there are many streets in town that are just not big enough to have a trailer. | Cochrane motioned to file, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted.                             |
|              | Letter from Conservation Commission regarding office space; Ms Cochrane asked the Town Administrator if she had done any research for their requests. She stated she has not reached out to them to see what the exactly is the issue or what they may have in mind for a fix. TA also stated storage seems to be an issue with everyone in the current Town Hall. TA stated the Town Accountant and the TA have discussed some scenarios to fix the storage issue but it wouldn't be anything that happened right away. Mr Miller asked TA to get the current square footage for each office. Mr Miller asked what was going on with the upstairs of the Historical Society building. Ms Cochrane was unsure what was done or what was still available. Ms Cochrane said the only thing could think of is renting storage trailers.   | Cochrane motioned to file, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted.                             |
|              | Board to accept donation from LHS for a tabulator.   | Cochrane motioned to accept voting tabulator from LHS, Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , voted. |

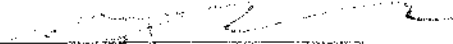
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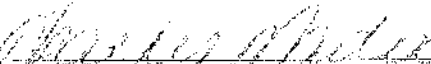
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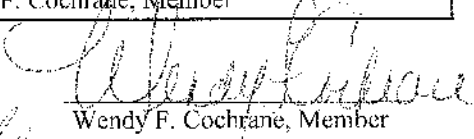
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| Old Business               | <p>Aiden Pollock signing off on Eagle Scout project as beneficiary for the fundraising and the overall approval of the project.</p> <p>Proposed dates for Community Outreach meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> 2020</p>  | <p>Cochrane motioned to accept beneficiary responsibility for the Eagle Scout project; Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</p> <p>Cochrane motioned to accept February 25, 2020 for meeting; Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted</p>  |
| New Business               | <p>Presentation from BMS 5<sup>th</sup> graders for a school project to build bat boxes and would like to hang them around town. Town Administrator has reached out to the Highway Department as well as Chief Fournier to help the students hang up the boxes around the common. They will be making about 8 boxes and will have pamphlets that will tell you how to build the bat boxes as well about bats.</p>  | <p>Cochrane motioned to allow the 5<sup>th</sup> grade group to hang the bat boxes around the common and to provided assistance in the hanging of them, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</p>  |
| Town Administrators Report | <p>Updated the board on the bog renovation and the soil permit let the board know that I have spoken to Mark Pettey and based on the information that we have received there is no need for a Soil Permit for the existing bog renovations based on the exception that are written in the current by-laws.</p> <p>Discussion of Financial Advisor Committee, we have a citizen spot open and will need to have a meeting to reorganize and appoint a new chairman.</p> | <p>Informational no action needed.</p> <p>Informational no action needed.</p>  |
| Personnel Board            | <p>Item not on agenda came up after the fact as unforeseen; Contract for Assistant Treasurer</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p> <p>Next Meeting March 4, 2020</p>  | <p>Cochrane voted to accept the contract that was agreed upon with the Assistant Treasurer to go into effect March 1, 2020, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</p> <p>Cochrane motioned to adjourn open session and to enter executive session not to return to open session, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted.</p> |

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