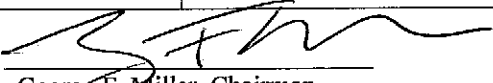
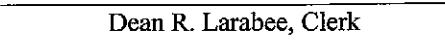


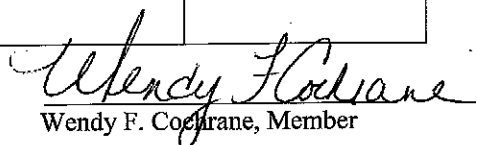
MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 4/20/2022

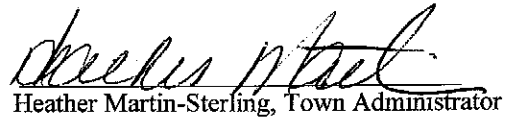
SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE: George F. Miller, Chairman, ~~Dean R. Larabee~~, Clerk, Wendy F. Cochrane, Member

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:04 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
Meeting Mail	Board to review letter from Tec Associates Consulting Engineers regarding Massachusetts Coastal Railroad (MCRR) 2022 Vegetation Control Program. This letter is in regard to herbicide applications that will take place along the railroad between the months of June and August. Mr. Miller asked that Ms. Martin-Sterling post the notice of herbicide applications online. The Board voted to file the letter.	Cochrane to motion to file, Miller 2 nd , voted.
New Business	Board to discuss nonbinding question for Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Miller stated that the Board doesn't have any questions ready yet, and also has many questions regarding overrides, debt exclusions, and also the current budget versus more overrides. The Board voted to table the discussion on the nonbinding question for Annual Town Meeting. Board to discuss possible updates to Business Certificate Form. Mr. Miller explained this is in reference to how business certificates have been given out for years using their home address for banking and tax purposes to people without separate offices, such as contractors and realtors. There was some confusion where people would obtain a business certificate and some people would think they could operate a business out of their home in a residential zone. The forms have never been updated to require a signature from the Building Inspector as a way for the public to know the business is not in fact taking place out of residential homes. Mr. Miller requested to have input from the Building Inspector on this matter before making any decisions. The Board voted to table this discussion until they have spoken with the Building Inspector.	Cochrane to motion to table, Miller 2nd, voted. Cochrane to motion to table, Miller 2nd, voted.
Finance Committee Update	Mr. Freitas spoke about the Governor's budget that was submitted in January. Berkley gained some money from the House, Ways and Means Committee, which was a big win for the schools. The minimum was \$30 per student, and now they are getting \$60 per student if the House Ways and Means Committee is ratified. There are roughly 980 students, so it was about \$21,000 additional dollars. The amount sending also decreased, which is a net of positive for the Town and the school. When the net spending was added, tuition receiving actually increased a little bit. Once it was completed, it was roughly \$40,000 added onto the school budget. Mr. Freitas is hopeful that once it goes to the Senate and gets ratified, they'll take the House, Ways and Means number. There is a budget meeting Monday to discuss contractual negotiations. Once that is done, the budget will be close to completed.	Information only; no action needed.
Executive Session	Board to go into Executive Session under MGL Ch 30A §21(a) 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: Assistant Treasurer, Town Accountant, Town Administrator, Administrative Assistant for the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, Interim Chief of Police, Town Assessor, Building Inspector, and Animal Control Officer. The Board voted to go into Executive Session, and to not return to open session. The Board announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00p. m.	Cochrane to motion to go into Executive Session & not return to open, Miller 2 nd , voted.


George F. Miller, Chairman


Dean R. Larabee, Clerk


Wendy F. Cochrane, Member


Heather Martin-Sterling, Town Administrator