

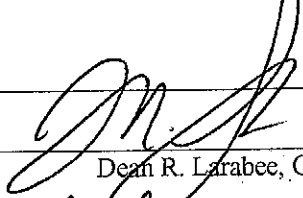
TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:06 p.m. in the Moitoza – Pettey Hearing Room	
New Business (taken out of order)	Board to review request for Entertainment License from American Legion for the Zerbini Family Circus. Richard Mangels was present to speak about the upcoming circus that will be held on the American Legion Post #121 grounds between July 27 and July 31, 2022. He stated the Legion usually requests waivers for the permitting fees and building inspection, as they are a nonprofit organization for veterans. Mr. Mangels stated he has spoken with the Board of Health, and the circus has already submitted their application, which they have agreed to pay for on their own. The Board voted to approve the American Legion's request for an Entertainment License for the Zerbini Circus contingent upon Zoning Officer signoff and Board of Health signoff, as well as to waive the licensing fee and inspection fees. This license is being granted to the Zerbini Circus Inc. Mr. Mangels also had a request regarding changes to the American Legion's liquor license. Ms. Martin-Sterling explained to the Board that the Legion is looking to expand their liquor license to go beyond the tent area or the outside pavilion to include the whole property. Mr. Mangels stated the Legion hosts certain events such as cornhole tournaments, horseshoe pits, car shows, etc. in the field that are beyond where the liquor license permits. Mr. Miller noted Mr. Mangels will have to file an amendment to the current liquor license. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated she will check with the ABCC next week to see if it can be done at the local level or if it has to go through the state. Mr. Miller stated public safety representatives and someone from the Board of Health need to be included in the process.	Larabee to motion to approve w/ contingencies, Miller 2 nd , voted.
Meeting Mail	Board to review letter from BP dated May 24, 2022 regarding letters sent to the Senators and Representatives for the City of Taunton and the towns of Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham, and Rehoboth. Ms. Martin-Sterling noted that the representatives have asked the state for ARPA funding for the vocational regional school district. She noted the original letters were sent out in March 2021. She stated she believes they requested \$300 million for the 2 regional schools that are being built in MA, and the state offered to provide \$100 million. The Board voted to file the correspondence.	Larabee to motion to file, Miller 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review letter from Xfinity dated May 13, 2022 regarding changes to Xfinity TV services. The letter states that services for AMC+ will increase from \$6.99 to \$8.99 per month. The Board voted to file the letter.	Larabee to motion to file, Miller 2 nd , voted.
	Board to review letter from Xfinity dated May 26, 2022 regarding changes to Xfinity TV services. The letter states the subscription only Russian language channels will no longer be available for Xfinity. The Board voted to file the letter.	Larabee to motion to file, Miller 2 nd , voted.
Personnel	Board to issue retirement citation for Assistant Fire Chief Amasa Harmon of the Fire Department. The Board voted to table this item.	Larabee to motion to table, Miller 2 nd , voted.
	Board to issue retirement citation for Captain John Franco of the Fire Department. The Board voted to table this item.	Larabee to motion to table, Miller 2 nd , voted.
	Board to discuss updated on COA Director search. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated she has received 2 resumes and the job is still posted on Indeed.com. She handed the Board copies of the 2 resumes. Mr. Larabee asked if they were recent applications, to which she replied they were. Mr. Miller stated he will take a closer look at the resumes.	Information Only; no action needed.
	Board to review and approve rate increases requested by the Fire Chief of the On-Call Fire and EMS positions. Ms. Martin-Sterling suggested to the Board that this item be tabled due to not having the Fire Chief present at the meeting. She mentioned the Chief is looking for this to take effect on July 1 st . Mr. Miller agreed, and the Board voted to table this discussion until the Fire Chief can be present.	Larabee to motion to table, Miller 2 nd , voted.

Appointments	Board to appoint Kerri Ann Auclair to the Cable TV Advisory Committee. The Board voted to appoint Kerri Ann Auclair to the Cable TV Advisory Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2023. Various Boards & Committees per attached sheet to be appointed; the Board voted to table appointing various Boards and Committees.	Larabee to motion to appoint, Miller 2nd, voted. Larabee to motion to table, Miller 2nd, voted.
New Business: #’s 2 & 4 (taken out of order)	Board to discuss and approve County ARPA application for Berkley Emergency Response Communications Project. Deputy Fire Chief Jason Perry was present to speak about the application. He stated the total cost would be \$117,511, which is the cost to replace all of the dispatch equipment, as well as to upgrade their fire cages so they are in compliance with the regional technology. Mr. Perry explained the newer dispatch console has communication with police, fire, county police, county fire, and the highway department all within that one console. Mr. Miller asked about a possible radio for the Animal Control Officer, to which Mr. Perry replied he believes he has enough radios to spare the Animal Control Officer one. Mr. Miller asked Ms. Martin-Sterling what the cap was on the County ARPA money for the Town of Berkley, to which she replied for the county it was a little over \$1.1 million. The town’s money was approximately \$717K. Mr. Larabee asked how much remains, to which Ms. Martin-Sterling replied some of that money has been appropriated for one of the snow plow sanders, which came in at approximately \$264K. There is also money appropriated for Covid testing, which Deputy Chief Perry added just came under \$5K. Mr. Larabee concluded that the town has roughly \$419K left. Mr. Miller asked if we have anything committed or spoken for out of the county ARPA money. Ms. Martin-Sterling replied yes, and out of the county money, storm water has been discussed which is easily going to be approximately \$150K if not more. The culvert and detail work for the Holloway Street Project was also discussed. Mr. Miller asked if there was an estimate on the culvert work, to which Ms. Martin-Sterling stated with the detail and the culvert work, she would estimate about another \$150K. Mr. Freitas stated he is in agreeance with updating dispatch equipment, however noted his only concern would be the licensing, fees, and the maintenance agreement, as that could impact the operational budget aspect of it. Mr. Perry explained to the best of his knowledge, there are no fees associated with it, and that the company can work remotely to solve any problems dispatch may have. This in turn saves the Town money with travel time, diagnostic fees, etc. Mr. Perry explained the other part to the digital system is that it is P-25 compliant, which makes it able to stun any radio that disrupts or interferes with communications. The last part of it is upgrading their repeater to a P-25 digital repeater, as theirs is 25 years old. Mr. Miller asked about the other request for \$51K regarding Lifepak monitors. Mr. Perry stated it was approximately \$53K, but that price is only good until July 15th. Ms. Martin-Sterling stated she had asked the auditor if this was something that could be used against ARPA funds, and pending further review, it has a good chance of being approved. Mr. Perry noted according to the representatives from Stryker, it falls directly under healthcare. Mr. Miller requested that be in writing, to which Ms. Martin-Sterling replied she would feel more comfortable finding out from the auditor exactly where it could be applied for and how it should be written up before the Board made a decision. Mr. Miller agreed. Mr. Perry noted it qualifies for ARPA, as other towns have done it. The Board voted for the Berkley Emergency Response and the Fire Department’s County ARPA application for the Emergency Response Communications Project. Mr. Larabee asked in discussion of the vote if it’s the Board’s decision for ARPA expenditures or would it go to the FAC. Ms. Martin-Sterling replied there are no appropriations needed for ARPA. It is a grant that has been received, and that it just has to be transparent in what the town is spending it on and the public should be made aware as well. The Board voted to table the possible ARPA spending for LifePak 15 monitors for the Berkley Fire Department. Board to review email from Melissa Ryan, Superintendent of Berkley Public Schools requesting the town to apply for county ARPA funds to cover shortfalls in the school’s budget. Superintendent Melissa Ryan and Business Administrator Andrea Porter were present to speak on behalf of the email. Ms. Ryan asked the Board if the town would support the application for ARPA funds under some of the school categories that were on the Bristol	Larabee to motion to approve expenditures for ARPA; Emergency Response Communications, Miller 2nd, voted. Larabee to motion to table ARPA spending for LifePak monitors, Miller 2nd, voted. Larabee to motion to table discussion, Miller 2nd, voted.

County ARPA portal. She stated the schools would potentially be asking for \$80K to support an adjustment counselor. Ms. Ryan noted she recognizes it's probably seen as a short term solution, however the schools' FY24 budget is shaping up to be better than the FY23 budget regarding salaries and steps. With the current approved budget, they could potentially be facing some additional loss of services to the students. Mr. Miller explained he felt it wasn't a good practice to allocate ARPA money to hire someone, as it is a single payment and the money may not be there the next year for them. He asked Ms. Ryan if there is anything that the schools need as far as equipment that could be eligible for the ARPA Grant. Ms. Ryan noted the school took significant increases with their transportation department costs, and have maintained the level services the schools provide. Mr. Miller stated he'd be willing to look at anything more long-term, such as capital improvements, equipment, and anything that will benefit the kids directly. He then asked if there's been any discussion regarding school resource officers, to which Ms. Ryan replied there have been casual conversations on having a formal school resource officer. Currently, there is a police detail at morning drop off for the community school. They will not be able to maintain that detail for the next school year, as it was never part of the school's budget. As part of that detail, the police have been present at the schools, getting paid 4 hours at a time. Ms. Ryan stated her and Ms. Porter have been discussing seeking out some grants that are more federally based that don't usually come through DESE to support updated intruder training. Mr. Larabee asked what impact does the change in staffing have on the class sizes, specifically in 2nd grade. Ms. Ryan replied the class sizes will go up, to an average of the low 20's. Mr. Larabee asked if there was there an impact on heating costs. Ms. Ryan noted that and they've overspent on fuel costs this year by about \$12,000. Mr. Freitas stated the Finance Committee tried to give the school as much as they could for FY23. The Board voted to table the discussion from the Berkley Public Schools requesting the Town apply for County ARPA funds, and request a more detailed plan to move forward. Board to vote and sign on the design for the Holloway Street Extension. Ms. Martin-Sterling noted this design is similar to what the Board had signed approximately 2 years ago when the Holloway Street Project was close to being started. This is the new design plan that Waste Management has sent over. The original plan was a full line extension, this plan is for 100 feet. The Board voted to approve the revised design for the Holloway Street Extension. Board to discuss key access to other Board Committee members. Mr. Miller noted he was approached by several people, mainly from the Conservation Commission, that need to get into the building off hours to do things such as review plans, documents, volunteer work, etc. He recognized that a lot of these documents are large in size and cannot be worked on from home. Mr. Miller suggested they have a trial run where these members can have a key, and the keys would be coded as such that they could only get into their offices. He stated he would like to set a policy that states if the alarm is set off more than 2 times, the key gets taken away. The Board voted to table the discussion regarding key access to other board committee members until a full board was present to vote on it. The Board voted to adjourn, and noted the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	Old Business Adjournment	Larabee to motion to approve, Miller 2nd, voted. Larabee to motion to table, Miller 2nd, voted. Larabee to motion to adjourn, Miller 2nd, voted.
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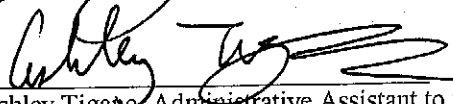


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