

MINUTES OF TOWN OF BERKLEY SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF 2/14/2018

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

TOPIC		ACTION
	Meeting Convened at 6:00 pm at Town Hall Hearing Room, 1 North Main St.	
Meeting Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Selectmen received and reviewed an invitation from the Library Trustees for William Schneller's retirement party. - The Board reviewed an email from Eve Lippold regarding a letter to the editor of the Taunton Gazette. Ms. Lippold had a discussion with the Board regarding the procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Board informed her that each case was different and this case would not set a precedent for future cases. Board also informed her that any of the abutters could file an appeal with the Superior court within 20 days of the Zoning Board decision. - The Finance Advisory Committee gave an update on the FY17 audit and capital needs request. Town Administrator presented the preliminary results of the FY17 audit and the capital needs requested by various departments. The audit firm Powers & Sullivan anticipates that the FY17 free cash will be in the vicinity of 1.3 Million. The Finance Advisory Committee voted that free cash should be used for capital necessities that have been postponed in the past and also recommended that if the current budget request for FY19 remain the same a proposition 2 ½ override will be required to meet those requests. 	<p>Motion to file by Cochrane, Pontes sec. - Voted</p> <p>Informational – No action taken</p> <p>Informational – No action taken</p>
Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council on Aging representative Mrs. Blake asked the Selectmen to approve leaving a key at the Police Department for the COA room and to allow five additional people access to the key for the room. Board informed Town Administrator to provide the key to the Police Department. 	<p>Informational – No action taken</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board questioned the validity of Berkley's vote to approve Bristol County Agricultural High School's Commitment to incur \$104,000,000 debt for major improvements. The topic was never discussed among the Board of Selectmen and there is case law that indicates the Board may have needed to vote prior to the representative voting on the matter. 	<p>Motion made by Cochrane, Pontes sec. to have Town Counsel send a letter to the Bristol County Commissioners informing them of the situation. – Voted</p>

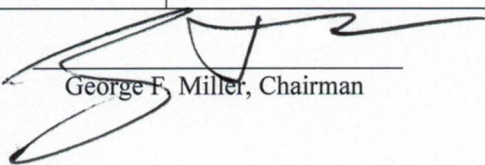
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Meeting Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
by Pontes, Cochrane
sec. - Voted


Next Meeting February 28, 2018



George F. Miller, Chairman



Wendy F. Cochrane, Clerk



Gil Pontes, Member

Alan G. Coutinho, Town Administrator