

Open Session – Berlin Select Board – Town of Berlin, Massachusetts

Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting - Zoom.us Webinar (#148969555)

Present: Select Board members Scott Hawkins, Christine Keefe, and Margaret Stone; Acting Town Administrator/Accountant June Poland, Fire/EMS Chief Kenneth Clark

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. The Fire Chief delivered a general department report.

The Board **discussed**

1. Proceeding to conduct a search for the Town's next Fire/EMS Chief to succeed retiring Chief Clark; use of Municipal Resources, Inc. to conduct the search for an estimated \$13,500
2. Public Safety radio tower updates with ARPA Funding (remains under review)
3. Legion Hall (15 Lincoln Street) mold remediation and future building use
4. Holding until a future meeting Disclosure of Financial Interest approval for Recreation Committee member Julie Lee (who may provide contracted services for Recreation)
5. The paused status of the Recreation Committee basketball/tennis/pickleball courts project on South St. pending receipt of a material list/designs/expertise to seek quotes
6. Holding approval of the proposed Select solar agreement for a solar array at the Highway Barn for further Energy Committee and Town Counsel review
7. The drafting of a dunning letter for the Acting TA to review with Counsel on what actions the Board can take regarding non-payment of 2021 licenses before approval/release of the 2022 calendar year licenses for Premier Amusements Inc., DBA Player One Amusement Group arcade within the Regal Cinemas at Solomon Pond Mall {#2022-42 Public Amusement & #2022-43 Automatic Amusement Devices}
8. Whether future Board meetings should be held virtually, in person, or a mix of the two ("hybrid"). Keefe favored virtual-only meetings until October, Stone requested in-person meetings in light of the new TA's arrival in mid-September, and Hawkins stated that new TA Kristin Rubin's first meeting would be hybrid (the Board's Sept. 22nd "Coffee Talk") and that Board can discuss further on Sept. 26th how to proceed on meetings
9. The monthly *Clinton Item Newspaper* article submission on Town government business
10. Holding on the Inter-Municipal Shared Bucket Truck Agreement with Clinton (remains under review)
11. A 6:30 p.m. start for the Board's Thursday, Sept. 22nd "Coffee Talk" meeting with topics likely including a welcome to the new TA, PD issues/drones, BOH/Mattress Collections, a goodbye to the Outgoing Fire Chief, and discussing the search for a new FD Chief. The goal is to conduct the meeting in a hybrid format pending feedback from Cable TV.

The Board **approved** 3-0 (Hawkins/Keefe/Stone):

1. August 8, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes
2. Designation of all Recreation Committee members as Special Municipal Employees
3. Adjournment at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Arata, Admin. Asst.

APPROVED: August 29, 2022