

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Dear Monterey Select Board,

The Transfer Station Committee met today and wishes to communicate a few items to the Select Board for their consideration.

Firstly, we propose that the cost of the Transfer Station sticker fee remain unchanged at \$75 for two stickers for a household, \$15 for each additional vehicle sticker, for the coming fiscal year. Although we foresee that fees may need to rise to cope with increasing disposal costs, we are currently meeting our obligations.

The committee plans to explore a large range of options for transfer station accounting, operation and pricing over the coming year. These include but are not limited to: exploring ways to remove cash from transfer station daily operations, a revolving fund for transfer station sticker fees, SMART system pricing (pay per bag), Enterprise funds, and revision of bulky items (construction waste, electronics, white goods, mattresses, etc.) policies, pricing and practice.

Due to imminent staffing issues we recognize that the bulky item policies need immediate attention. We recommend a moratorium on fees for bulky items (mattresses, electronics, white goods, construction debris, and light bulbs) beginning now until the end of May. Construction waste would be limited to a single 33-gallon trash barrel.

During this period, we will be working to simplify the fee system for bulky waste items in order to streamline TS operations. We will also craft new informational materials to be distributed with this year's stickers. We are also exploring how we may remove cash transactions from the Transfer Station.

We know that some of these decisions are not as rapid as some might prefer, but the matters involved are complicated and often have many ramifications. We wish to do the job well, and believe we can craft a good plan to move forward.

We hope this has been helpful,  
Susan Cooper  
Member, Monterey Transfer Station Committee

April 11, 2022

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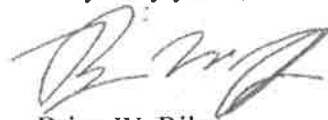
Re: Town Counsel – Termination of Services

Dear Members of the Select Board:

As you know, there have been issues over the past several weeks, and even extending back to when we began serving the Town last September, revealing significant differences of approach amongst the members of the Select Board. This situation continues to significantly compromise our ability to serve the Town and receive appropriate direction in order to carry out our responsibilities as Town Counsel. We have frequently received conflicting requests for opinions or advice, notwithstanding our insistence that the Board consider and adopt a revised Town Counsel Contact Policy just over four months ago. Regrettably, the recent investigative report appears to have made this complicated situation even worse.

Please be advised, therefore, that we feel we have no choice but to resign our appointment as Monterey Town Counsel. We are not involved in any active litigation, which should make a transition less complicated. I realize that Annual Town Meeting is less than a month away, and you may have difficulty locating successor counsel to serve during this important time of year. We propose, therefore, to continue our services through the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2022 as needed, but not beyond that date. Nonetheless, you should begin seeking a successor Town Counsel immediately. We will continue to provide services to the best of our ability through that date, but we will only respond to requests made through the Select Board Chair consistent with the Town Counsel Contact Policy, which policy I have attached hereto for your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Brian W. Riley

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## Monterey Town Administrator

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**From:** nancy richards-marcus <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** Monterey Town Administrator  
**Cc:** barbara Swann  
**Subject:** Planning Board

Greeting Tom,

I wil not be able to continue as a member of the Planning Board at this time.  
I am back and forth to New Hampshire helping my mother. Additionally Thursday nights I have a music night, so if I am in the Berkshires, thats where I will be.

It has been wonderful participating and getting to know other members and how things work in town.

Good luck keeping the peace and finding the members you need with ease.

Thanks,

Nancy

### Sample Fair Housing Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, April 11, 2022 marks the 54th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which enunciates a national policy of fair housing for all who live in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status and national origin, and

WHEREAS, the State of Massachusetts additionally prohibits discrimination because of gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, genetic information, marital status, veteran or active military status, age, and source of income, and

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing is integral to the ethical commitment of members of the National Association of REALTORS® and the Berkshire County Board of REALTORS, Inc., and is critical to the ability of all real estate professionals to serve their clients, customers and communities; and

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness.

THEREFORE, I (name) (title) of (name of locality) do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2022 as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in (name of locality or state) to establish (name of locality) as an inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of (name of locality).

DATED this 13 day of AUGUST, 2022.