

Berkley Cultural Council
April 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:22pm. In attendance –Kelley Larabee, Stephanie Malloch, Angela Chang, Jeanne Russo, Susan Barrett, Suzanne Adam. Absent: Arlene Medeiros. No guests.
2. Meeting minutes of 3/5/26 previously distributed by email. Motion by Stephanie to accept, second by Angela, all in favor.
3. Treasurer’s Report/Update regarding electronic donations: There is no Treasurer’s Report as Arlene is not present. Kelley from Ashleigh Haslam regarding Unibank account. Will continue discussion when Arlene is present. Motion by Stephanie to table Agenda Item 3 until next meeting, second by Angela, all in favor.
4. Discussion regarding opioid funds from state and idea of Arts Pharmacy: appears to require a lot of manpower, may be optimal if a professional is hired to head up program; council feels is beyond scope of our purpose, and we are very busy already with concert series, grant program, etc. Jeanne may gather more information and bring for further discussion, but at this time opinion of council is to not pursue.
5. 2026 Concert series discussion
 - On agenda Board of Selectman for this Wednesday for use of the Common on our dates: 6.18 6-8pm, 7.16 5-8pm, 8.20 6-8pm, and 9/17 4-7pm.
 - Angela has sign mock up for council members to review: correct July performers’ to “Tom and Kevin”. Angela will post to social media once dates are approved. Sending to Kelley to get a quote from BP for 15 signs.
 - Stephanie reports that BOH agreed to waive food vendors fees 😊 reminder though that out-of-town food vendors do need to have their food permit with them. May be good idea to email those to BOH.
 - Suzanne reports Katy’s Kitchen confirmed for July, August and September. Waiting for confirmation from County Fair Hot Dogs, Lemonade stand, Tweety’s Treats, who are all checking their schedules. Pop’s Pizza will no longer be able to attend as has conflicting event 😞
 - Stephanie contacted Salty’s Wood-fired Pizza, waiting for reply. Suzanne will try to call.
 - Jeannie suggests putting together a picture board to display at Town Hall, to further spread the word – council agrees great idea!
 - Stephanie has a number of farmer market vendors confirmed, waiting on a number more – will provide list once finalized.
 - Discussion of including 1 non-profit at each date? Stephanie will contact Apache Way Farm Rescue to see if would be interested.
 - Council agrees will ask vendors for a donation, suggested \$10-15, in lieu of fee.
 - Regarding seeking sponsors – Bay Coast is by application, which Stephanie completes and submits. She will also ask Malloch Construction. Kelley will check with Remax. Kelley has the letter she wrote last year seeking sponsors – will tweak after electronic account is set up and then share document.
 - Jeanne did obtain information for including a raffle, will share with Arlene.
6. No correspondence/unanticipated topics.
7. Next meeting date set for Monday May 4, 2026 at 6:15pm. Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm by Jeanne, second by Stephanie, all in favor.