Berkley Cultural Council
Sept 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:22pm. Present: Kelley Larabee, Suzanne Adam, Jeanne Russo, Arlene Medeiros, Angela Chang, Stephanie Malloch, Susan Barrett.
No guests.

2. Meeting minutes of August 13th previously distributed by email, read by Kelley to council. A number of typos/corrections noted. Motion to accept with corrections by Angela, seconded by Suzanne, all in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report by Angela Chang:
- Distributed spreadsheets to council members, showing balances for FY26 and FY27 (completed with Arlene's help)
- Awarded $7200 next cycle
- With leftovers from this year there is $7272.93 to grant out
- Arlene reports there have been no donations to the QR code
- Kelley notes the Friends of Dighton Rock made a cash donation at the last concert
- Angela reports as a side-note that the Zoomobile event at Dighton Rock yesterday did have low attendance, due to the torrential rainstorm

4. 2026 Concerts on the Common discussion and updates:
- Kelley had emailed Matt re availability of trash barrels, was informed we need to ask for those for our events
- Kelley emailed Highway Dept to request said barrels for this Thursday's concert
- Kelley has tents, etc. in her car – council members discussed who could take to then bring to concert
- Reminder that Farmers Market begins at 4pm, concert at 5pm
- Stephanie hoping to get there for set-up around 2-2:30pm, Angela planning around 3pm
- Council discusses weather cancellation decision process: council will check forecast midday on Wednesday and make the decision then
- Stephanie provided Angela a list of confirmed vendors for social media posts
- Council discusses low attendance this year? For next year maybe reduce to 3 events? Maybe concerts only? Maybe a different day? Maybe conduct a poll for feedback from the community as to what they would like?
- Suzanne relays that the food vendors will be The Shiny Griddle, Katey's Kitchen, and Tweet's Treats

5. 2027 Grant cycle
- Kelley checked online and we have 3 applications so far
- Matt forwarded an email from a band, Sijo, asking about applying for a grant to play for our concert series – Kelley will respond that the council generally pays from our budget, and if we have an open slot will contact them
- Arlene made flyers, Angela will post to social media
- Applications are due by Oct. 15th, should be available to us on Oct. 22
- Council plans application review meeting for Oct. 26, 6:15pm; Voting meeting Nov. 2, 6:15 pm.
- Applications are accessible at the Mass Cultural Council site, via the grants portal Council members can go to site after 10/22 and download applications file to print, if they so choose. Alternatively, can bring laptops to meetings to view online.

6. Correspondence/unanticipated topics: Angela shares that the Taunton Public Library has Narcan available, and hosts a Wellness Center, courtesy the state opiod funds.
No other correspondence, no unanticipated topics.

7. Next meeting set (previously, see item #5) for Monday Oct. 26th, 6:15pm.
Motion to adjourn at 7:13pm by Stephanie, seconded by Suzanne, all in favor.