

Berkley Conservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 12th, 2026

- **Roll Call: The following persons were present, Nate Kelliher (NT), David Patrick (DP), Diane Maxwell (DM), and Jeff Cuttner (JC), Mary Kate Moreau (MKM).**
- **Berkley Town Hall (Hearing Room), DP called to order the Conservation Committee (ConCom) at 6:05 pm on 2/12/2026.**
- **For detailed information on the meeting, a recording can be found at <http://198.0.152.34/CablecastPublicSite/?site=1>, located on the Town Hall's website—search meeting by date.**
- **Denise Cole (DC) conducted the minutes.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

DP held a moment of silence for George Fairier.

DP introduced Mary Kate Moreau, the new conservation commission board member.

Notice of Intent for 48 & 50 County Street (continued discussion from July 2025), Robert Veronneau represented by Farland Corp (Stevie Carvalho), for the construction of 3 Storage Bays along with an asphalt driveway, associated grading, drainage, tree cutting, and septic tanks.

- DP raised the motion to reopen the hearing. DM 1st, JC 2nd, MKM all in favor.
- Stevie Carvalho, present to represent the applicant. Still waiting for information and comments back from FEMA, comments back from Zenith Consulting, Natural Heritage. SC elaborated on the new changes to the plans.
- DP provided additional comments and recommendations for the plans to adhere to Berkley's bylaws.
- DP shared comments made by peer reviewer Nyles Zager of Zenith Consulting with SC.
- DP raised the motion to come out of the public hearing. DM 1st, JC 2nd, MKM all in favor.

Notice of Intent for 1 Old Farm Road, Christopher Gunther represented by McKenzie Engineering Group (Alan Loomis), for the construction of a fixed pier and floating dock

- DP read the clerk posting for the NOI.
- DP raised the motion to open the hearing. DM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.

- Al Loomis from McKenzie Engineering Group was present to represent Christopher Gunther. AL presented the plans to the board. The dock is designed to be 6 feet above the salt marsh as recommended by Fish and Wildlife. Environmental Consulting was conducted by Brad Holmes.
- DP asked when construction would occur. AL stated they still need to file for a chapter 91 permit and construction would not occur until late spring or summer.
- 761 Berkley Street is an example of the construction that will occur.
- AL will leave a profile with the conservation commission.
- An audience member asked a clarifying question about the dock height.
- Jackie Machamer, of the Taunton River Stewardship Council, asked a question about turtle nesting sites.
- DP raised the motion to approve the NOI with the standard conditions, JC 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.
- DP raised the motion to close the public hearing. DM 1st, JC 2nd, MKM 2nd, all in favor.

OPEN BUSINESS:

- **Vote on Previous Minutes from 1/8/2026**
 - **Motion to approve minutes. JC 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.**
- **Billing:**
 - Conservation clerk payroll, approved and signed.
- **Mail**
 - **Horse Barn Construction 25 Green Street, Colleen Arnoe**
 - Colleen Arnoe was present to explain the plans and had a general surveyors map for the board to review.
 - The board reviewed the map provided.
 - DP recommends that she file an NOI and speak with the planning board because the construction is going to occur on two separate properties.
 - **Taunton River Stewardship Council Introduction**
 - Newly appointed individual from the Taunton River Stewardship Council, Jackie Machamer, looking to help Berkley in regards to the Taunton River.
 - JM provided the latest annual report from the TRSC for the board's review.
 - DP mentions a potential partnership to support the newly acquired land donation of Holoway Drive.
 - **Incoming Email from January 23rd, High School Student Survey**
 - Reviewed by the board
 - **Tree Survey Request for 244 Bayview Ave**

- Katie Enright and Joseph Davis present. They are looking for advice on removing dead trees on their property.
- DP says the board will conduct a survey once the snow has melted in the Spring.
- **Conservation Commission Open Meeting Law Complaint**
 - DP proposed a vote for the town council to respond to the complaint on behalf of the conservation commission. JC 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.
- **Incoming Email from January 9th, Mark Horsfall**
 - DP provided context for the email.
 - DP states that he has consulted town counsel in regards to this email.

The next public hearings will be held on Thursday March 12th and Thursday April 9th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Amanda Matthews, speaking on behalf of 79 Padelford ST Joseph and Pamela Leite, her parents, read a statement directed for the board and the members who sat on the board.**
- **Mark Horsfall, 73 Padelford ST, read a statement addressed to David Patrick and acknowledged the presence of the Berkley Police Department at the meeting.**

Motion to continue the meeting on March 12th, 2026 at 6:00 pm was made by DP.

Motion to adjourn raised by DP at pm. DM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.