

Berkley Conservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 8th, 2026

- **Roll Call: The following persons were present, Nate Kelliher (NK), David Patrick (DP), Diane Maxwell (DM), and Jeff Cuttner (JC), Mary Kate Moreau (MKM).**
- **Berkley Town Hall (Council on Aging Room), DP called to order the Conservation Committee (ConCom) at 6:01 pm on 4/8/2026.**
- **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.**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to open the meeting raised by DP. DM 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), 59 South Main Street, John Herson (applicant), Mark Adrian (representative), for the New Berkley Community School.

- DP read the clerk posting for this application.
- DP raised the motion to open the public hearing for
- Robert Taylor (architect for new community school), Emmanuel de Andrade (civil engineer and site planner), Mark Adrian (project manager), Mark Gallagher (project manager) present to speak on the plans.
- Emmanuel went through the presentation on construction phases and stated that no work will be done within the 100-foot buffer zone.
- DP asked questions about erosion and sediment controls during construction.
- Susan Barret (abutter) 12 Bryant street, the vernal pool is partially on her property. Stated that she has seen work being done in the area already. She is worried about surface runoff.
- Alexi Caffelle (abutter) 2 Bayview Ave., questions about drainage.
- Susan Barret stated that it is a very active vernal pool and is worried about wildlife.
- DP asked about the timeline.
- DP proposes a negative determination be granted with the stipulation that the conservation commission is informed before any work is done near the wetland and that they are permitted to conduct site visits and check in on the project.
 - DP raised the motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. DM 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.

Motion to come out of the public hearing raised by DP. DM 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.

OPEN BUSINESS:

- **Vote on Previous Minutes from 3/12/2026**
 - DP made a motion to approve the minutes. DM 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.
- **Billing:**
 - Conservation clerk payroll, approved and signed.
- **ConCom Budget**
- **DEP Follow Up:**
 - 11 Burt Street
 - NK and Tommy Fernandes conducted a site after the initial complaint.
 - DP conducted a site visit last week and wrote up a report that he would like to deliver to DEP.
 - If there are further complaints, DP recommends that an ANRAD be filed.
 - 129 R Padelford
 - DP summarized the initial complaint.
 - This report has already been sent to DEP.
- **“New Business”**
 - **Cotley River Conservation Area Planning**
 - **Establish Planning Committee**
 - **Feasibility Study Grant**
 - **DP has written a grant proposal and moved it on to the selectmen’s meeting that is also happening tonight.**

The next public hearings will be held on Wednesday May 6th and June 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

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

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