

Berkley Conservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2026

- **Roll Call: The following persons were present, Nate Kelliher (NK), David Patrick (DP), Jeff Cuttner (JC), and Mary Kate Moreau (MKM).**
- **Berkley Town Hall (Public Hearing Room), DP called to order the Conservation Committee (ConCom) at 6:06 pm on 5/6/2026.**
- **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. MKM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, 708 Berkley Street (SE004-0649), Graham Medas represented by Environmental Consulting & Restoration LLC. Project Description: Construction of a garage and associated site work within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

- Applicants representing themselves.
- DP requests that they leave the stumps in the front yard due to the steep grade. DP conducted a site visit today.
- DP made a motion to approve the COC for 708 Berkley Street. Signature Page was signed and they paid their remaining fees.
- DP made a motion to come out of the public hearing for 708 Berkley Street. MKM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.

Notice of Intent, 1 Kellan Way (Still Waiting for SE File Number), Mark and Rachel Mello represented by Zenith Consulting. Project Description: Construction of a single-family house with associated well, drainage, grading, and landscaping within the 100' buffer of a bordering vegetated wetland.

THE FOLLOWING DECISION IS INVALID BECAUSE ABUTTERS WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE CORRECT MEETING TIME. NO ORDER OF CONDITIONS WAS

ISSUED. THE APPLICATION WILL CONTINUE TO THE NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 3RD, 2026 AT 6PM.

- Mark Mello representing himself.
- DP read the Clerk Posting and provided background knowledge on the property. The NOI had expired.
- DP recommends that the board approves the project because they have approved the project previously, contingent on receiving the DEP File Number.
- DP raises the motion to approve the NOI for 1 Kellan Way. MKM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.

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

OPEN BUSINESS:

- **Resignation of Diane Maxwell. Open Seat.**
- **Vote on Previous Minutes from 4/8/2026**
 - DP made a motion to approve the minutes. MKM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.
- **Billing:**
 - Conservation clerk payroll, approved and signed.
- **ConCom Budget**
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- **Possible Wetlands Violations**
 - **146/148 Bryant Street**
 - The conservation commission had approved a perc test for the property; this does not allow for damage to the wetlands. DP sent a Cease and Desist to the homeowner, but the home has changed hands. DP recommends that we use that same letter and send it to the new homeowner. In the letter, let them know they have to attend our June 3rd meeting, where the commission will require them to file an NOI for the work they have done.
- **Mail**
 - Incoming mail from New Berkley Community School Project that permits the board to come visit to observe the work being done.
 - 46 Myricks Street update request from MassDEP. An updated is needed from Nyles Zager of Zenith Consulting.
- **Continued Discussion**
 - **11 Burt Street**
 - DEP called DP about this property. DP will be sending Leo Trottier a letter with information for his next steps to address the work done on his property.
 - **Cotley River Conservation Area Planning**
 - The grant application has been submitted and there has been some back and forth. It will be decided on May 14th, Taunton River Stewardship Council, Knoll state park in Dighton.
 - Nyles Zager is more than willing to help out with this project.

The next public hearings will be held on Wednesday 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. MKM 1st, JC 2nd, all in favor.