

Berkley Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2026

- **Roll Call:** The following persons were present, ☒ David Patrick (DP), ☐ Nate Kelliher (NK), ☒ Jeff Cuttner (JC), and ☒ Mary Kate Moreau (MKM).
- **Berkley Town Hall (Public Hearing Room),** DP called to order the Conservation Committee (ConCom) at 6:01 pm on 7/15/2026.
- **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.

53 Locust Street, NOI (Waiting DEP File #), Malloch Construction, Represented by Zenith Consulting Engineers LLC, construction of a horse paddock area.

- DP raised the motion to open the public hearing for 53 Locust Street, JC 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.
- DP read the Clerk posting.
- Nyles Zager (NZ) from Zenith Consulting Engineers present and explained the proposed work to the board.
- Abutters, Amanda and Steven Dillon-Abrantes of 1 Jody Circle asked clarifying questions on the project and stated their concerns with the work.
- JC asked a clarifying question about the location of the wetlands.
- DP asked the homeowner a question about his horses and the existing barn.
- NZ states that the fence line will be 10 feet off the property line.
- DP asked a question about manure storage, pine hill company in Taunton.
- DP suggests that a silt fence or a more permanent structure be put in place to buffer the wetlands from runoff from the horse paddock. DP would like it a little further from the 25-foot line to the wetlands.
- Amanda asked questions about the continuation of this hearing.

- DP raised a motion to continue this hearing until the next meeting, NK 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.

OPEN BUSINESS:

- **Board to Reorganize**
 - MKM and JC nominated DP to chair of the Conservation Commission.
 - DP nominates MKM to be the secretary of the Conservation Commission,
- **Vote on Previous Minutes from 6/3/2026**
 - DP made a motion to approve the minutes. JC 1st, MKM 2nd, all in favor.
- **Billing:**
 - Conservation clerk payroll: approved and signed.
- **ConCom Budget**
 - Updated Fee schedule will be postponed until August.
- **Possible Wetlands Violations**
 - **11 Burt Street:** Leo Trottier has an issue with the abutters list and was unable to file in time. DP gave him until August, but if he fails to file an NOI further action will be taken.
- **Continued Discussion**
 - **95 Plain Street West:** Complaint from neighbor about runoff. Property has been given a superseding order of conditions by MassDEP.
 - **Cotley River Conservation Area Planning**
 - DP wrote a draft letter to the abutters that will introduce the conservation land and our intentions to the abutters.

The next meetings will be held on August 12th and September 9th at 6pm. DP recommends canceling the meeting if there are no filings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

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

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