

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Steiner, Allison Zivin, Patrick Barrett, Ellen Shanahan, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: N/A

1. Call to order - Sherry called the meeting to order at 6:06pm with a roll call vote: Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan. All in favor 5-0.

2. Approve minutes from meetings on the following dates (discussion/vote):

February 26, 2024

Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye. All in favor 5-0.

3. Old Business:

a. Susan Smith requested changing her Stitched Stories project from one focusing on older adults/seniors to one working with kids for an afternoon. The committee voted against allowing the change so the grant money will need to be refunded. Patrick Barrett nay, Sherry Steiner nay, Allison Zivin nay, Ellen Shanahan nay, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan nay. All opposed 5-0.

b. Patrick reviewed the Master Plan and will reach out to Jackie re exploring what an inventory of “artistic and cultural assets” would look like, if anyone else has been creating such an inventory since the Master Plan was created, and the possibility of creating a shareable database.

c. The committee likes the idea of having a grantee reception in June in order to increase visibility for the Council. One possibility is having a casual get together at a local bar so that grantees could easily stop by for a drink and to meet the Council members. We will revisit dates for a reception next month.

4. New Business:

a. Peggy Reeves is interested in joining the Council and already sent a letter to Mark. She attended the meeting and introduced herself and shared details of her extensive arts background. The committee voted in favor of her appointment. Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan. All in favor 5-0.

5. Citizen’s Speak: No attendees.

6. Set next meeting date – Next meeting rescheduled due to Passover holiday and will be held on zoom on May 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjourn – Allison made a motion to adjourn; Ellen seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye, Ellen aye, Elyssa aye. All in favor: 5-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zivin

Recording Secretary