

Great Barrington Cultural Council

Meeting at Mason Library

231 Main Street

Great Barrington, MA

Monday, October 30, 2017 5:00pm

Present

Lauren Clark (LC)*, Susan Pettee (SuP), Scott Pezza (ScP), Ellen Shannahan (ES), Sherry Steiner (SS), Rose Tennenbaum (RT)*

Also in attendance: Edward Abrahams (Selectboard)

** Arrived during discussions in #4 (New Business)*

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes of July 24, 2017
 - ScP proposed approving the minutes of the July 24 meeting.
 - Approved, 4-0 (SuP, ScP, ES, SS)
3. Welcome to Michael Andelman
 - Michael expressed interest in joining the Cultural Council. He discussed his background and interests in the arts world and his desire to contribute locally.
 - ScP proposed a vote to recommend Michael to the Selectboard.
 - Approved 4-0 (SuP, ScP, ES, SS)
4. New Business
 - Review and discuss 2018 Grant Applications.
 - i. First, ScP canvassed the members to see if anyone had conflicts among this year's applicant pool. Due to membership in groups, RT will recuse from discussions and votes for the American Music Series with Polly Mann Salenovich. Similarly, RT and SS will recuse from discussions and votes for the Berkshire Ukulele Band & Berkshire Sings.
 - ii. Second, the Council did a preliminary review of all forty applications to ensure they adhered to both Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) requirements and our Local Cultural Council (LCC) additions. Applications that failed to meet any of these requirements were separated out.
 - iii. Third, the Council began reviewing the substance of all applications which met MCC and LCC requirements. There was not sufficient time to review them all, and that exercise was planned to carry over to the next meeting.
5. Citizen Speak Time
 - No citizens in attendance chose to make a statement.
6. Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned until the next session.

