

## **Great Barrington Cultural Council**

Meeting: Mason Library, August 20, 2019, 8:00 a.m., Final

**Members Present:** Ellen Shanahan, Chair; Tate Coleman, Representative to District Cultural Council; Nan Coleman, Secretary; Rees Shad, Public Relations Officer and Secretary Alternate; Amy Taylor; Haley Barbieri, Natasha Perlis

**Others Present:** Erika Crofut; Casey McShain, Cultural District Member; Laura Brennan, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)

1) **Meeting called to order** 8:01 AM by Ellen Shanahan, Chair.

2) **Welcome to Members, New Members, Guests, and Attendees:**

New members: Natasha Perlis, Rees Shad, Nan Coleman.

3) Guests: Erika Crofut, Casey McShain (Cultural District Steering Committee Member)

4) **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Tate distributed print copies of the July 25 meeting Minutes (previously emailed to members). After review and some revisions, Tate made the motion to approve the Minutes; Ellen seconded. Unanimously approved.

5) **Officers appointed:**

**Chair:** Ellen Shanahan offered to continue as Chair. Unanimously approved.

**Vice-Chair:** Rees Shad. Tate explained he would not be able to continue as Vice Chair given his 19-credit course load at Simon's Rock this semester. Nominated by Tate and seconded by Nan. Unanimously approved.

6) **Representative to Cultural District Steering Committee:**

Tate Coleman. Nominated by Haley and seconded by Ellen.

- Tate mentioned that Patrick may be able to fill the position of Public Relations Officer going forward given Tate is now Representative to the Cultural District.
- Other members not present will receive assignments at the next meeting.

7) **Mission Statement:** A Mission Statement Subcommittee was formed, to approve edits to the mission statement, members being Tate, Rees and Natasha. This Committee will review the survey and update or edit the Mission Statement as needed. They will craft this Sept. 3 at 7:30 at Town Hall. Tate will schedule the room.

8) Annual Cultural District meeting 9/17 Tues 9am St James Place, Regional Planning commission. programming next. Refreshments. Tate will do scheduling at Town Hall.

9) Regular meeting times: after discussion, First Tuesdays at 7pm was agreed upon.

10) Ellen made a motion to adjourn at 8:46am, seconded by Tate and unanimously approved.

11) **Next meeting:** 7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by Nan Coleman, Secretary.

*Ellen C. Shanahan*  
Ellen Shanahan, Chair

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