

Great Barrington Cultural Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30pm
Zoom Video Conference
FINAL

In attendance: Ellen Shanahan, Haley Barbieri, Tate Coleman, Nan Coleman, Patrick Barrett

Absent: Natasha Perlis, Rees Shad, Amy Taylor

Guests/Citizens: Verónica Ramírez Martell, Eileen Mooney, Robert Holcomb

I. Meeting called to order

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

II. Approve minutes

Tate moved to approve the July meeting minutes, Ellen seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

III. Old business

Survey update: Haley forwarded the survey results from Rees to the committee. Members will review before the next meeting and then will discuss at that meeting.

IV. New business

Rees, Natasha, and Nan have resigned from the committee and will have formal resignations into the Selectboard soon. Once these go through we will have 5 members which is the minimum needed to have a council.

Verónica, Program Officer for our council from the MCC, informed us that we should have a chair, but don't need to do it right now. We can organize otherwise internally if dividing by task rather than specific role names that those tasks get attached to. We do need a chair name on the website as the main contact person for the council. Other than that, MCC emails go to the full council and all members.

We DO need to figure out a treasurer because things are hanging in the air from the last grant cycle to get figured out.

We need to pay out grants from the previous cycle -- the town treasurer and town manager have not gotten back to us about whether or not we can still disburse the funds to the applicants. We had approved in July to disburse funds to the grantees whether or not they were holding an event but needed approval from the town.

Tate met with Sue recently who said there is enough documentation to do this but we need W-9s that are missing. Natasha was putting items in the Town Hall mail box by tomorrow, Tate will add his signature and will get us started on that process.

Patrick said he would be willing to assist if there are some things Tate needs help with for the moment but cannot take on the Treasurer position.

Lost quorum at 6:45 as Tate and Nan had to leave. Meeting continued to Citizen's Speak.

V. Citizen Speak

Bob Holcomb looking for ideas on Housatonic. School has been vacant, etc. GBCC rewards grants to groups and individuals and was wondering if we have had any applicants regarding that topic. Ellen says we have not so far as things have been pushed back for COVID, cycle just started for this coming year.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

At 6:54pm, Patrick moved to close the meeting and Ellen seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30pm, however, a sooner meeting will likely be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
Haley Barbieri
Recording Secretary