

Great Barrington Cultural Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00pm
Zoom Video Conference

In attendance: Patrick Barrett, Stacia Ostrow, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan, Allison Zivin

Absent: Haley Barbieri

Guests:

I. Meeting called to order

Patrick called the meeting to order with a roll call vote at 6:02pm.

Patrick read requirements for virtual meetings. Meeting recorded.

II. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Minutes from July xx will be up for review and approval at our next meeting.

III. Old Business

Community event – Allison reported on requirements for using the gazebo for the event including need to request in advance, receive approval (Parks Commission) and obtain liability insurance. Q whether we would be covered under the town's policy. Allison to inquire. If we need to attend Parks Commission meeting on August 9 to support venue request Patrick will try to attend.

Tentatively decided on September 18 for event. Will do outreach to grantees via email to see if the date works for most. Elissa to draft email message. Need to set deadline for responses. We can divvy up the list among committee members if necessary.

Press release – need to determine who is new liaison to cultural council/ Patrick to follow up. Will add announcement for our community event to the press release.

Fundraising plan/opportunities –

- NEA covid impact funding available. We are being encouraged to apply. Budget to be announced requires Baker's approval. Information session upcoming – we should try to join to get updated. Mass Cultural Council can advise on application if needed. We should post on our FB page to get community to advocate for us.
- Community Impact Funding – Elissa researched details. Five funding categories – we may be eligible under two (community building and/or town reputation) or perhaps a third (health and safety) categories. Unclear whether we need to declare which category we're applying under. Application due August 30, 2021. Elissa to draft application and circulate to committee members by first week in August. Need to collect info on total number of people served. Can get from grant applications.

Survey –

Need to finalize input and post digital version on FB. Also hard copy at post office and city hall. Want to target people who live and visit GB. Can we include in town tax bill or other mailing? Can we ask our grantees to circulate to their constituents? Stacy to work on survey. Need to contact Tate for guidance on how to prepare and post on FB.

GBCC mission statement –

Awaiting input from survey to update.

IV. New Business

GBCC members Erica Mielke and Milena Cerna have officially resigned. Need to do call out for new members. Need to put a call out for new members. Ask of current committee members to suggest candidates.

In person town meetings are now allowed. GBCC members would prefer to continue to meet virtually/remote. Can do in person meetings as needed.

Patrick elected committee chair. Would like to have co-chair if another committee member is interested/willing.

V. Citizen's Speak

None.

VI. Next Meeting

August 12, 2021 at 6pm

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Elissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allison seconded. Patrick called a roll call vote to approve. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow for Haley Barbieri, Recording Secretary