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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

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CULTURAL COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:30pm  
Mason Library  
231 Main Street  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

- Michael calls the meeting to order at 5:32
- Present: Tate, Patrick, Rose, Ellen, Catherine
- Approval of 2/27 minutes. Michael votes to approve. Tate seconds. All in favor.
- Tate needs to go see Marie at Town Hall to point out that he has been elected the new co-chair. New location for meetings: Michael has talked with the fire station and we need advance notice, but we should try it out at the next meeting. Michael will talk to the fire station. Patrick also had left a message with town hall about meeting there.
- Smart Simple: login information not applicable
- Recruiting new members: Tate and Michael met with Justina of MCC who gave some suggestions about how to recruit new members. Approach 2018 & 2019 grant recipients and applicants to see if they would like to be board members or administrators to be a part of the GBCC.
  - Michael will no longer be co-chair once his term ends, Lauren's tenure will be ending, and Rose will need to resign because she is moving. We can also contact Scott, the former chair of the GBCC about ideas/ contacts.
  - Catherine will post on the community board and the cultural district social media. Tate will ask the town to promote on their website and social media. Re contacting old applicants, we're going to contact people who most recently applied for grants who live in GB to ask if they want to join the GBCC.
  - We want to form a script, make a list of people to contact. Michael has an appeal template which he will send to the members of the GBCC. Ellen will make the master list of the last 3 years of applicants, and Tate, Patrick, Rose and Catherine will divide the list and contact previous applicants. Ellen will delineate who will contact whom. We will also invite people to the GBCC show and tell.
- Email: will be in print in the newsletter and will be distributed to applicant. Patrick is checking the emails. In the future, Michael suggests that whoever is the chair should be responsible for checking the emails, but for now,

- New Co-Chair: Michael moves that co-chair responsibilities be moved to Ellen at the end of his term. Catherine seconds. All in favor.
- Tate nominates Catherine to continue as the secretary. Michael seconds. All in favor.
- Treasurer still vacant. Will discuss at the next meeting.
- ArtWeek GBCC Event
  - Ratings: The possibility of the Cultural Council hosting an NC17 event as part of our ArtWeek event. Currently, we are doing one PG-13 event and one “Adult Content” event. Michael argues for an NC17 event for artistic liberty’s sake. Council determines we should keep the 2pm event as originally conceived- a Family Friendly Show and Tell.
    - Catherine votes to move on approving the second event and discuss the rating. Rose seconds. Discussion: Rose says that the Steiner school has an Adult Only talent show, and she feels that that implies that it is not a space for kids and she is more comfortable with something that is not implying an x-rated event. Council members agree. Patrick suggests the term uncensored. Council is more comfortable with that term. Vote is held on second event on the 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8, a GBCC hosted Show and Tell “uncensored” .
    - In favor of evening event: Catherine, Patrick, Ellen, Rose and Michael. Not in favor: Tate
  - CATA is donating chairs. Colorful, Uncensored, Discretion advised. Proposed kid friendly event and uncensored event. We need more submissions. We need a flyer.
  - Show and tell should be 5-7 minutes and we are asking people to submit their act by 4/23. Catherine will make social media pitches. Rose notes that we should invite the previous applicants to attend the event.
  - We need donated: snacks, drinks, ice. Patrick will ask for donations. We will also ask Amy and Lauren if they can help ask for donations. No alcohol. Catherine will check on popcorn machine. Robin’s candy. Popcorn bags with our info.
  - Catherine moves that we not have a subcommittee and since we are all so small, we are all on the subcommittee and that we have meetings before the event to plan the event. Tate seconds. Discussions. Patrick moves that we check the subcommittee can speak outside of GBCC. Committee created minus Ellen. Tate seconds. All in favor. Tate will run a doodle poll for the subcommittee date. Michale will sent Marie an email confirming.
- Social Media and website for GBCC: Catherine will start by creating a facebook page. Patrick and Catherine will ask on the check mark. Digital version. Tate will creat a google form.
- Survey: Tate has information from Justina. Transportation is an issues and providing information about public transportation to events that we fund. If we sponsor a bunch of events and anyone who doesn’t have a car can’t get home. That should be a priority. Tate will create a survey for the 4/28 event and town meeting and to be distributed on social media, Tate will email to the town. He will present at the next meeting. Not too long. We want to print 100 at town hall.
- Grant application priorities and town website/ MCC website/ facebook page. Tate notes that survey will determine our priorities.
- New Business: Town meeting: May 6th at 6pm. Catherine and Michael feel that last year it was not the right venue for us to really talk to town members. ArtWeek could substitute as our outreach last year at town meeting. Michael motions we don’t do a town meeting table and we focus our efforts on the 4/28 event. Patrick seconds. All in favor.
- Press release with our winners. Patrick will write the Press Release. Tate will send Patrick the list. He will bring release to next meeting.
- Doodle poll created by Tate will determine our next meeting.

Signed: Catherine Hancock 4/9/2019