

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL  
Thursday, November 21, 2022

1. Call to order – Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Ellen made a motion to open the meeting; Sherry seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick Barrett aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan, aye, Stacy Ostrow, aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye.

2. Approve minutes from last meetings (discussion/vote) – No minutes were discussed.

3. Old Business

a. FY22 Grant status

Patrick reported two more packets were sent to Town Hall. He added he was informed there will be a new Town Accountant starting December 5 and he will reach out to get information for the MCC annual report.

b. Fundraising FY23

Elissa confirmed we do not meet BigY's funding criteria.

c. Grant review

It was reiterated that although we will be considering small/individual and large organization requests separately – all will be given equal consideration. Patrick noted he had added a tracking column for early prioritization decisions from last meeting. The Committee proceeded to consider the larger applications and those not fully reviewed at the last meeting.

The following applications were discussed at length and preliminary determinations were made though it was noted applications can be revisited until there are final determinations:

- Aston Magna – Tentative denial
- Austin Riggs – Tentative denial
- Berkshire Bach - Tentative denial
- Berkshire Children's Chorus - Tentative denial
- Berkshire Music School – Tentative approval
- Berkshire Pulse – Tentative approval
- Berkshire Theater Group – Tentative denial
- BODYSONNET – Tentative denial
- Dewey Memorial Hall-Show 'N Tell – Tentative denial
- Dewey Memorial Hall-Young at Heart – Tentative approval
- Dewey Memorial Hall-Use Your Words – Tentative denial
- Dewey Memorial Hall-Jazz Jam – Tentative approval
- Festival Latino – Tentative approval
- Flying Cloud – Tentative approval
- GB Libraries-Call of the Wild – Tentative approval
- GB Public Theater – Tentative approval
- Greenagers – Tentative approval
- IS 183 – Tentative approval
- Jacobs Pillow – Tentative approval
- Native Plant Trust – Tentative approval
- New England Puppet Arts – Tentative denial
- Olga Dunn – Tentative denial

- Pittsfield Shakespeare – Tentative denial
- Raiane Richards – Tentative denial
- Sculpture Now – Tentative denial
- Shakespeare & Company – Tentative denial
- Susan Smith-Fantastical Felt – Tentative approval
- Taproot Sessions – Tentative approval
- Stockbridge Sinfonia – Tentative approval
- Tom Truss-ReWritten – Tentative denial
- Vocals Youth Choir – Tentative approval
- Nick Zaino-100 Years of Boston Comedy – Tentative denial

The Committee completed the first round of reviews, though agreed some would be revisited.

4. New Business – There was no new business

5. Citizen's Speak – No citizens asked to speak

6. Set next meeting date – The next meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 6:00pm.

Patrick stated he would reach out to Mark Pruhenski regarding the new GBCC member.

7. Adjourn Meeting – Elissa made a motion to adjourn; Sherry seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Secretary