

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL
Thursday, December 8, 2022

1. Call to order – Patrick Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Elissa Haskins-Vaughan made a motion to open the meeting; Ellen Shanahan 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 reviewed

3. Old Business

a. FY22 Grant status – no updates

b. Fundraising FY23 – no updates

c. Grant review

i. Patrick stated denial letters are generated by MCC and a reason is chosen from a drop-down menu with the majority of our denials designated as “weak public benefit.” The Council discussed any potential edits to the denial letter and agreed to use the MCC version. It was noted the letters would go out soon and applicants have two weeks to appeal.

ii. The Council confirmed there were no tentative approvals that needed to be reviewed/discussed again. Elissa suggested, based on the budget and number of grants all applicants asking for \$250 or less should have their funding approved.

iii. The Council proceeded to vote on the following applications –

Allison made a motion to approve the Berkshire Music School application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – Ellen stated she would abstain. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen abstain, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 5-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Berkshire PULSE application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Berkshire South Regional Community Center application; Allison seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – Elissa stated she would abstain. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa abstain, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 5-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Dewey Memorial Hall-Young at Heart application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Dewey Memorial Hall-Jazz Jam application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Festival Latino application; Ellen seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Diane Firtell- Farm Art application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Flying Cloud application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Sean Fullerton-Acoustic Memories application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve Great Barrington Libraries-Call of the Wild application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Great Barrington Public Theater application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Greenagers application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the IS183 application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Bernice Lewis-History Alive application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Native Plant Trust application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Camille Roos-Come Dance With Me application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Susan Smith-Fantastical Felt Paintings application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Taproot Sessions application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Stockbridge Sinfonia application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Ellen made a motion to approve the Natalie Tyler-Fire & Ice Exhibition application; Sherry seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Elissa made a motion to approve the Vocalis Youth Choir application; Ellen seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

Allison made a motion to approve the Nanette Wells-Seasonal Theme Crafting application; Elissa seconded. Patrick asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Elissa aye, Stacy aye, Ellen aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye. All in favor: 6-0.

- iv. The Council agreed for those projects requesting \$250 or less to tentatively insert their requested amount in the spreadsheet.

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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 was scheduled for January 5 at 6:00pm.

7. Adjourn Meeting – Ellen 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 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Secretary

