

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Monday April 3, 2023

1. Call to order –Ellen Shanahan made a motion to open the meeting; Allison Zivin seconded. Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. 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 meeting (discussion/vote) – To be approved at the next meeting.
3. Old Business
 - a. PR update – discussed at the last meeting.
 - b. New council member – Patrick reported that Leora Kahn was approved by the Selectboard on February 27 – though she still needs to be sworn in. He stated he would follow up with her.
 - c. Added item – Patrick reported he will be working on completing warrants for last year's grants and will ask Elissa to sign.
4. New Business
 - a. Mission statement update strategies/public outreach – Partrick stated the mission statement reflects what the Town and residents want and the Council interprets that to best support quality work and meet community needs/interests - so broad language is best for flexibility and considering requests case-by-case. He suggested the Council members review the mission statement and any revisions can be discussed at the next meeting. He also asked for ideas on community outreach. Regarding ideas on changing the funding strategy to providing larger grants to fewer grantees, it was confirmed that spreading funds across a larger group was preferred.
 - b. Added item: Patrick stated he had received an email from the grantee who was organizing the Come Dance With Me program and she asked to have the funds shifted to a different project as it is no longer aligned with her other endeavors – he will send the email/description to Council members. He added that the Council can make these decisions, but would ask the grantee to complete the request form.
5. Citizen Speak – No citizens asked to speak.
6. Set next meeting date – It was agreed the next meeting would be May 4, 2023 at 6:00pm.
7. Adjourn Meeting - Allison 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 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Secretary