

## GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

DATE: Thursday, December 21, 2023

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leora Kahn, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan, Sherry Steiner, Allison Zivin, Patrick Barrett, Ellen Shanahan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: N/A

1. Call to order - Sherry called the meeting to order at 5:35pm with a roll call vote: Leora Kahn aye, Patrick Barrett aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan. All in favor 6-0.

2. Approve minutes from meetings on the following dates (discussion/vote):

December 4, 2023

Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye, Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Leora Kahn aye, Allison Zivin aye. All in favor 5-0.

3. Old Business:

There were no requests to reconsider grant denials so the committee voted on allocating grants totaling \$7036 to the 19 accepted organizations as stated below. Elissa Haskins-Vaughan aye, Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Leora Kahn aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye. All in favor 6-0.

App #	Grantee	Grant Amount
25	History Alive	\$ 250
39	Shakespeare Fall Festival	\$ 300
4	Willie Was Different	\$ 500
5	Dances of Africa	\$ 500
9	Blue Rider Circus Student Showcase	\$ 400
17	Smart Lab	\$ 350
19	Greenagers	\$ 300
30	Nutshell Playhouse	\$ 400
45	Triplex TILL	\$ 431
46	Triplex Spring Teen Film Festival	\$ 300
12	Costello Astronomy Lecture	\$ 400
16	Festival Latino	\$ 300
28	Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors	\$ 280
37	Stitched Stories	\$ 425
43	Stockbridge Sinfonia	\$ 400
1	Berkshire Baseball	\$ 400
11	Latino Legacies Exhibit	\$ 300

18	Berkshire Voices Reading Series	\$ 400
22	IS183 Professional Development for Educators	\$ 400
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,036</b>

Elissa will help Sherry send out grant award letters in the new year.

#### 4. New Business:

a. Jackie Kain from the planning committee gave a short presentation. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the comprehensive 2013 Master Plan and they are currently reviewing the Cultural Council's progress in meeting the goals outlined and assessing their future relevance. The committee discussed the goals as well as funding challenges and agreed to review the Master Plan and think about what's realistic and revisit it at our next meeting. Link to Master Plan attached:

([https://www.townofgb.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf636/f/uploads/master\\_plan\\_volume\\_1.pdf](https://www.townofgb.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf636/f/uploads/master_plan_volume_1.pdf))

b. Gabrielle Senza is interested in joining the committee and attended the meeting and introduced herself. Leora will follow up with the town re fast-tracking her application process.

#### 5. Citizen's Speak: No attendees.

6. Set next meeting date – Next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjourn - Allison made a motion to adjourn; Ellen seconded. Roll call vote: Elissa aye, Patrick aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye, Leora aye, Ellen aye. All in favor: 6-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zivin, Recording Secretary