

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, January 22, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leora Kahn, Sherry Steiner, Allison Zivin, Patrick Barrett, Ellen Shanahan

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Elissa Haskins-Vaughan

1. Call to order - Sherry called the meeting to order at 6:06pm with a roll call vote: Leora Kahn aye, Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan. All in favor 5-0.

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

December 21, 2023

Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Leora Kahn aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye. All in favor 5-0.

3. Old Business:

a. There was discussion as to whether the current format of the minutes is detailed enough. The committee basically agreed that this is a lot of work for the few volunteers who are willing to serve on the Council and the meetings are open to the public if anyone would like more detail.

b. Award letters were sent out on January 1, 2024, and reimbursements have started. The committee could really use a Treasurer as this process has been a lot of work for Sherry, who already serves as Chair.

c. Press releases announcing the 2023 grantees will be sent to the Berkshire Eagle, the Edge and Eileen Mooney's newsletter and posted on the Cultural Council Facebook page.

4. New Business:

a. Leora will ask Rudy about the possibility of hosting a reception for the grantees and town officials at the bookstore.

b. Gabrielle Senza declined joining the Council.

c. Ellen will post a message on Facebook and Leora will reach out to the local newspapers seeking potential new members.

d. The committee would like to be involved in the Master Plan Development but might find it difficult to commit as we're so understaffed. Leora will call Carolyn Cole and see if we can have volunteers who want to help us lead committees for the master plan who are not voting members of the Council. Leora moved to accept to work on the strategic plan if we can use volunteers. The committee voted in favor of

this idea. Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Leora Kahn aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye. All in favor 5-0.

5. Citizen's Speak: No attendees.

6. Set next meeting date – Next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjourn - Leora made a motion to adjourn; Ellen seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye, Leora aye, Ellen aye. All in favor: 5-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zivin, Recording Secretary