

GREAT BARRINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: N/A

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

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

January 22, 2024

Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye. All in favor 4-0. Elissa Haskins-Vaughan was absent from the last meeting and abstained from the vote.

3. Old Business:

a. Approximately half of the grantees have returned their signed grant agreements.

b. The Triplex would like to move their teen film festival from spring to fall; all other specifications remain the same. The committee voted in favor of this: Patrick Barrett aye, Sherry Steiner aye, Allison Zivin aye, Ellen Shanahan aye, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan. All in favor 5-0.

c. We discussed the idea of having a grantee reception in May or June in order to increase visibility for the Council. One possibility is having a casual get together at a local bar so that grantees could easily stop by for a drink and to meet the Council 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. Patrick is happy to take a look at it and parse through the tasks and see what we may be able to do.

4. New Business:

a. Leora Kahn resigned as she's moving out of town.

b. Sherry was in contact with one other person who may be interested in joining the Council.

c. Peggy Reeves sent a letter to Mark indicating her desire to join the Council. The next step is for the Council members to meet her.

5. Citizen's Speak: No attendees.

6. Set next meeting date – Next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjourn – Ellen made a motion to adjourn; Elissa seconded. Roll call vote: Patrick aye, Sherry aye, Allison aye, Ellen aye, Elyssa aye. All in favor: 5-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zivin

Recording Secretary