

Great Barrington Cultural Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30pm
Zoom Video Conference
FINAL

In attendance: Ellen Shanahan, Haley Barbieri, Rees Shad, Tate Coleman, Natasha Perlis, Patrick Barrett, Nan Coleman

Absent: Amy Taylor

Citizen Guests: Eileen Mooney

I. Meeting called to order

6:40pm Ellen called the meeting to order

II. Approve minutes

Minutes approved with majority in favor with some minor edits.

III. Old business

Ideas for gathering/celebration of grantees from the 2019 grant cycle. It may be possible to host something at the Bandstand with social distancing. It would also be possible to do something virtual with prerecorded pieces mixed with live pieces and introductions. It was also discussed as to whether or not it would be beneficial to hold something now or wait until the next grant cycle.

Rees will reach out to the Egremont Barn and Natasha will reach out to CATA to see how they are doing their socially distanced events (CATA's gala and Egremont Barn's open mic nights). We will make a formal decision at the next meeting.

No update on surveys posted earlier this year.

Ellen still working with Mark Pruhinski on the guidelines for funding the 2019 grantees without their events.

Meetings have been scheduled through next June on the first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall if we are able to safely meet in person. Until then we will continue to Zoom.

IV. New business

We are looking to gain new members for the council and get leadership positions in place for the next cycle. Patrick has a few people he will reach out to.

Tate mentioned the possibility of creating a list of each position and what their commitment is each month so there is a better framework for what each position entails.

Ellen made a motion to approve a partial slate of officers and Rees seconded. The slate included Rees Shad and Natasha Perlis as cochairs and Haley Barbieri as secretary, with treasurer being

resolved at the next meeting. With the majority in favor, the motion was approved and these officer positions were made official.

Ellen nominated Tate as the Cultural District Representative. Rees seconded. With the majority in favor, Tate was reelected as the Cultural District Representative.

Tate updated the committee on what the Cultural District is working on, including the railroad street dining initiative and a collaboration between Simon's Rock and the Mahaiwe. He also mentioned social media interns with Joe Grochmal's @GBLabs group may be interested in helping us with social media for a few months this summer.

V. Citizen's speak

Eileen Mooney asked if the determination of who needs to approve giving money to recipients for living expenses is a town meeting agenda item or otherwise. Ellen replied that it is still up in the air.

VI. Meeting adjourned

Patrick made a motion to approve, Tate seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

The next meeting is August 4 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Haley Barbieri
Recording Secretary