

Great Barrington Cultural Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 5:30pm  
Zoom Video Conference  
\*\*FINAL\*\*  
AMENDED Minutes

In attendance: Haley Barbieri, Tate Coleman, Milena Cerna, Patrick Barrett, Stacia Ostrow

Absent: Ellen Shanahan

Guests: None

**I. Meeting called to order**

5:32pm

**II. Approve minutes from February 1, 2021**

Tate moved to approve the minutes, Stacia seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**III. Continue Reviewing Grant Applications**

~\$5,100 available to disperse.

All applications were reviewed. At this meeting, only grants being denied needed a vote. At the next meeting, the council will vote on how the funds will be split among each of the remaining applicants. Denied applications have a 15-day appeal window; the council will review any appeals that come in at the next meeting before deciding the distribution of funds.

The council voted as follows:

ID	Project Title	Applicant	Status	Motions (First, Second)
39746	Take the Lead! program	Berkshire Children's Chorus		Milena, Haley. All in favor.
40323	Art Close To Home	Art Close to Home, fiscally sponsored by Fractured Atlas	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Patrick, Stacy. All in favor.
41246	History Alive	New Stage Performing Arts Center Inc		Patrick, Stacy. All in favor.
40814	Du Bois Legacy Festival	Timothy Likarish		Milena, Haley. All in favor.
40998	Rites of Passage: 20/20 Vision	New Stage Performing Arts Center Inc		Tate, Stacy. All in favor.
41258	ReWritten	Tom Truss		Patrick, Haley. All in favor.
42370	GBPT Solo Festival	Great Barrington Public		Tate, Haley. All in

		Theater		favor.
42636	Arts in Recovery for Youth	Marney Schorr		Haley, Milena. All in favor.
42694	IceFire/Sculpture Now	Ann Jon	Denied: did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Haley, Patrick. All in favor.
42792	Blue Vice	BODYSONNET		Patrick, Milena. All in favor.
42909	Dewey Sessions Concerts	Beth Carlson	Denied: did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Stacy, Tate. All in favor.
43113	Community Concert with the Massachusetts Walking Tour	Raianne Richards	Denied: All events and programs that we fund must be accessible to persons with disabilities, including the facility or event location as well as the content of the program	Patrick, Tate. All in favor.
43222	Stockbridge Sinfonia 2021 Concert Series	The Stockbridge Sinfonia		Milena, Stacy. All in favor.
43252	Global Influences on American Music: A Comprehensive...	Berkshire Music School		Tate, Patrick. All in favor. (Ellen recused from discussion/voting)
43466	CHAINSAWS, CHEESEBURGERS AND ROCK N' ROLL- LIVE!	DR. THE MACHINE JESSE GREEN	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Haley, Tate. All in favor.
43488	Aston Magna Music Festival	Aston Magna Foundation for Music & Humanities, Inc.	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Patrick, Tate. All in favor.
43584	Berkshire Ukulele Band and Berkshire Sings!	Jenise Lucey		Tate, Stacy. All in favor.
43982	Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors!	MUSIC Dance.edu	Denied; not clearly related to the arts, humanities, or sciences	Patrick, Haley. All in favor.
44006	Professional Development for BHRSD Educators	IS183 Art School of the Berkshires		Tate, Haley. All in favor.
44152	The Melting Pot of American Music @ Dewey Hall	Robin		Milena, Tate. All in favor.

44182	Dewey Presents	Dewey Memorial Hall	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Milena, Tate. All in favor.
44543	Sketch Your Berkshire Neighborhood, and Express	Gregory Maichack	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Tate, Stacy. All in favor.
44579	West Stockbridge Chamber Players Spring Concert	West Stockbridge Chamber Players (Catherine Hudgins)	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Tate, Haley. All in favor.
44599	New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery Publicity	New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery (Lawrence Burke)	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Patrick, Tate. All in favor.
44917	Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park's 2021 Season	Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park		Patrick, Tate. All in favor. (Haley recused from discussion/voting)
44935	Duo Pianists, Composers & Educators Whipple & Mora	Kirk Whipple	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Haley, Tate. All in favor.
45436	Moving Life Stories at CLuB	Berkshire Pulse		Patrick, Haley. All in favor.
45542	Bringing Nature to You	Mass Audubon Berkshire Sanctuaries	Denied: Proposal is outside of grant cycle (July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021)	Stacy, Haley. All in favor.
45582	2021 Fall Festival of Shakespeare	Shakespeare & Company		Milena, Tate. All in favor. (Haley recused from discussion/voting)
45623	Acoustic Memories For Seniors	Sean L Fullerton	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Milena, Stacy. All in favor.
45734	Light Bright Art	Second Nature Arts		Patrick, Tate. All in favor.
45914	Bach to the Future	Berkshire Bach Society		Stacy, Tate. All in

				favor.
46396	Berkshires Worldwide	Music in Common		Patrick, Haley. All in favor. (Ellen recused from discussion/voting)
46519	Observing Indigenous People's Day with a Walk for	Lev Natan		Tate, Haley. All in favor.
46564	BTG PLAYS! Summertime	Berkshire Theatre Group	Denied; did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received	Patrick, Milena. All in favor.
47051	Nurturing a New Generation of Environmental Stewar	Greenagers, Inc.		Tate, Stacy. All in favor.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Patrick sent Eileen the PDF needed.

#### **V. New Business**

Haley needs to amend the past few meeting minutes to correct a typographical error. The committee agreed that this could be done without needing to make motions to approve each set of minutes as it is only typographical.

Tate is wondering how much money is left over from last year that we might have to add to this year's funds (ie, funds returned from organizations, community events not held, etc). Stacy will reach out when Tate gives her the contact info.

Patrick needs to complete the Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law forms.

#### **VI. Citizen's Speak**

None.

#### **VII. Adjourn Meeting**

Tate moved, Haley seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Next meeting will be on March 2 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Barbieri  
Recording Secretary