

Great Barrington Cultural Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 6:00pm

Zoom Video Conference

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In attendance: Haley Barbieri, Ellen Shanahan, Patrick Barrett, Stacia Ostrow, Erica Mielke, Elissa Haskins-Vaughan, Allison Zivin, Milena Cerna

Absent: Tate Coleman

Guests:

I. Meeting called to order

Patrick called the meeting to order with a roll call vote at 6:05pm.

II. Minutes from Previous Meetings

Minutes from February 4, April 13, and April 20 were up for review.

Stacia made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2021. Patrick seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Erica made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021. Stacia seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2021. Erica seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

III. Old Business

New members include Erica Mielke and Elissa Haskins-Vaughan. Allison Zivin still needs to be officially sworn in.

The letter to the Rites of Passage group was sent.

So far we are up to date on paperwork for the recent grants approved for applicants who submitted their requests.

Our community event will be held this summer, likely in late August. We will poll our applicants who received grants to see how comfortable they would be doing a virtual versus in person event.

Patrick will reach out to Mark at Town Hall to see if there are extra restrictions in place by the Town of Great Barrington in terms of capacity limits for outdoor events.

IV. New Business

We need to update our mission statement which needs to be completed before the middle of September (or ideally, earlier).

We will create a Google Form that can be distributed online through Facebook and the Town of Great Barrington's website. We could also publish the link in various physical publications in Great Barrington and Berkshire County to get the word out more.

Other forms of outreach include a dropbox at Town Hall for those who prefer to use a physical copy as well as tabling at Town Hall with paper copies and/or a tablet or computer that they can fill out on the spot and be disinfected between uses.

We are looking to increase the amount of funds we are able to disburse to grantees during the next grant cycle and will begin brainstorming ideas on fundraising (in addition to what we receive automatically from the MCC). Patrick will check with Town Hall to see the best way for people to donate to the cultural council.

Patrick put together a press release announcing our grantees which will be sent out soon.

There are a few typos on our section of the town website that Patrick will inquire about amending

V. Citizen's Speak

None.

VI. Next Meeting

June 8, 2021 at 6pm

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Erica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elissa seconded. Patrick called a roll call vote to approve. Meeting adjourned at 6:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Barbieri
Recording Secretary