

**Cultural Council
Minutes
September 22, 2021**

Members In Attendance: Joseph Bisbee, Jr., Daniel Callahan, Mary Pap, Marie Stoeckel, and Hong Vuong

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Joe welcomed a Weymouth resident who joined the Zoom meeting to observe the meeting because he is interested in applying to the Cultural Council.

Approval of Minutes

Marie made a motion to approve the August 31, 2021 minutes. Joe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Joe asked if members were able to complete their profiles on the Mass Cultural Council website. The grant cycle OPENED ON September 1, 2021, and Joe mentioned that the WCC had received two grant applications so far. Dan brought up the standard procedure guidelines for council roles. The council members will continue inputting information into the WCC's drive.

New Business

Dan discussed his upcoming meeting with Weymouth's municipal fiscal officer. The council reviewed Dan's spreadsheet of WCC grants that have been reimbursed, and the funds remaining from 2021.

The council heard back from Timothea Pham, the MCC Program Officer regarding our inquiry about 2020 grant extensions. The MCC gave grantees extensions on their program completions because of the pandemic. The council asked the state for guidance on how long the extension would last for 2020 grants. Based on guidance from the MCC, it was decided that grantees who received extensions that cannot complete their project by December 2021, would forfeit their grant award and have to re-apply for a 2022 grant. There will be no more extensions. Joe will be contacting those grantees to inform them that their grant will be expiring at the end of the year.

The council discussed a request from the Weymouth public library to make a modification on two of their grants. Mary made a motion to approve the modification request to grant #30459, and Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mary made a motion to approve the modification request to grant #30453, and Joe seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The council discussed community engagement, and Mary offered to put together the yearly community input survey. She would request that the survey be placed online on the Town's website and Facebook page. The idea of making paper surveys available at the Whipple Senior Center was discussed to make the survey more easily accessible to seniors who may not have access to an online survey.

Joe reminded everyone that the grant application deadline is October 15, 2021. The council should review the survey results in November. Mary mentioned asking the town to place a public announcement on their website announcing that grant applications are now available along with a link to the application online.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Dan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural Council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7p.m. to be held via Zoom.

Approved by:

Jose Bish

Mary A. Pap

Dated:

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