

**Cultural Council  
Minutes  
January 12, 2021**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Joe made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes. Dan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Joe explained that the council needs to vote on an extension request for the Town of Weymouth's Concert and Movie Series. The members discussed application number 37548 to extend the grant to 2021. Joe made a motion to grant the extension; Marie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dan mentioned that the council was contacted via email by 2 grantees with reimbursement requests.

Application number 29389 Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra is requesting a COVID-19 relief grant due to lost revenue. Joe made a motion to grant the amount of \$750 that was awarded in the FY20 grant cycle to the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra. Marie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application number 36466 Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck as part of Weymouth 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Joe made a motion to reimburse the awarded grant amount in the FY20 grant cycle of \$300. Dan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dan discussed the spreadsheet he shared with the members which detailed the status of the 2020 grants. The council thanked Dan for all his work on ensuring that everything is in order with the most up to date information as members review 2021 grant applications.

Hong addressed the issue of administrative funds for the Weymouth Cultural Council. The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) guidelines allow for local cultural councils (LCCs) to be reimbursed for administrative costs. The Weymouth Cultural Council has had to carry the expense of ZOOM as well as postage for all the letters that have been sent out relative to COVID-19 impacts. The council is anticipating a significant postage cost for the correspondence that will be sent out for the 2021 grant cycle.

Members began reviewing grant applications that have been submitted for the FY21 grant cycle. The council discussed the overall grants that were submitted as well as MCC guidelines and criteria that must be met in order to approve a grant. Members deliberated on grant submissions that had unmet criteria.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Marie seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cultural Council will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

Approved by:

*Mary A. Pap*

Dated:

03/02/21

*Joseph Bisbee*