

Minutes
Mendon Cultural Council
Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Mendon Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Arons, Treasurer; Cynthia Donatelli; Kim Park; Marcy Singer, Chair

Others Present: Trish Murdoch; Kathleen Murphy

- Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Meeting minutes from May 27, 2014 were unavailable for approval and acceptance.
- Trish Murdoch and Kathleen Murphy were introduced, welcomed as potential new members to the Council; general overview of the Council presented and its activities discussed.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Pam. No grant reimbursement activity in the MCC account since the May meeting report and no incoming mail of significance received.
- Cynthia presented an update on the MCC Town webpage and Face Book page. Discussion continued on how to identify cultural activities in the local area and which events should be posted.
- The 2015 funding allocation to Mendon from the State through the Massachusetts Cultural Council should be forthcoming at the beginning of September with the amount anticipated to be the same as in 2014. Any additional account funds available will be calculated (by the Town Accountant), added to monies available for disbursement. Total funds available for grant funding should be known by September meeting.
- Fall activities and related tasks include: connecting with the schools and specific teachers; assisting schools in understanding grant criteria; connecting with the Upton Cultural Council when reviewing applications from the schools; conducting general promotion and publicity through local media; participation in the Mendon Country Fair in October; creating a Council brochure or informational flyer. Coordination of activities and task assignment at August meeting.
- Enthusiastic discussion about Mendon's upcoming 350th anniversary and what role the Council should play in town activities/events. Brainstorming of ideas and thoughts for the Council and other Town groups.
- New for 2015, grant applications can be completed and submitted online, in addition to paper.* Discussion about how to provide accurate, adequate information for applicants and the benefit of a FAQs section on the Mendon Town MCC page and on the MACC Mendon page. A session is scheduled for Monday, July 28 to work on the FAQs.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
- Motion to adjourn by Cynthia, seconded by Pam. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Singer, Chair

*Press release 7/21/2014 from Massachusetts Cultural Council
Online application will not be available for the 2015 cycle; paper only.