

Mendon Cultural Council

Minutes May 5, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:04 PM at the Town Hall.

B. Members present: Marcy Singer-Chair, Joyce Firth-Secretary, Kim Park- Treasurer, Cynthia Donatelli, Monika Schmid, Kathleen Murphy, Debbie Perro

C. Guest Ellen Gould

II. MINUTES ACCEPTED

A. Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Treasurer, Kim Park, reported there had been one reimbursement made since the last report.

IV. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

A. The Miscoe and Clough school presentations went well and were well received.

B. Cynthia Donatelli and Joyce Firth will send out MCC application reminders to all educators during the first early weeks of school 2015 in order to encourage the faculty and/or staff to take advantage of the Cultural Council grant process.

V. FEEDBACK ON GRANT RECIPIENT PERFORMANCES

A. The "Fed Up" documentary movie which was presented to Nipmuc High School students, and which was funded in part by the Mendon CC, was viewed by two CC members and was discussed.

B. Opinions as to whether or not this presentation qualified as an "Interpretive Science" subject, and/or was a worthwhile event from a CC funding perspective varied amongst the membership.

C. It was decided that an assessment process of some sort should be required of our grant recipients in order to know whether or not the best possible funding decisions with the MCC monies have been made.

D. Joyce Firth and Cynthia Donatelli have agreed to review this idea and possibly design a simple assessment for Council review.

VI. REQUEST FROM MENDON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

A. Guest, Ellen Gould, from the Mendon Agricultural Commission was introduced.

B. Plans to turn existing Mendon farmland into open space with the possibility of including Arts related community space were shared with the Council.

C. Ms. Gould approached the Council asking if any possible grant opportunities existed that might help with raising funds for this endeavor.

D. As Town entities, neither the Agricultural Council nor the Cultural Council are able to raise funds. And neither would the Cultural Council be able to fund capitol expenses for another Town entity, however, the Cultural Council enthusiastically supported the project, and will seek to pass along to the Agricultural Commission any and all possible funding opportunities that we may come across through Massachusetts Cultural Council initiatives. Those possibilities may be forwarded to: ellen.gould@gmail.com

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Chair, Marcy Singer, shared that her term with the Mendon Cultural Council will expire in June, and that she will not seek another term. Further, it was decided that Marcy Singer's last official day in office would be June 1, 2015. * *See addendum*

1. Joyce Firth was nominated as Chair, accepting only as a Co-Chair appointment with Cynthia Donatelli. Cynthia Donatelli has one year remaining on the Council until her term as a member expires, however she accepted the nomination for her remaining time on the Council.
2. Joyce Firth currently serves as Secretary. Kathleen Murphy

accepted the nomination for Secretary if Joyce Firth moves to the Chair position.

A. Elections will be held at the June meeting for the following positions:

- a. Joyce Firth and Cynthia Donatelli - Co-Chair
- b. Kathleen Murphy - Secretary .
- c. Kim Park- Treasurer

VIII. NEXT MEETING *ELECTIONS All must be present ******

The next meeting for the Mendon Cultural Council is set for
Tuesday June 16, 2015

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Firth, Secretary

*5/7/15 Addendum to May 5, 2015 Minutes

VII OTHER BUSINESS

Upon submitting to the Town Clerk her resignation from the Mendon Cultural Council, Marcy Singer was informed that her term as a CC member officially expires on the last day of June. Therefore, Marcy Singer will remain in her Chair position for the next meeting on June 16, 2015 for election results, after which she will officially remain on the Council as a member until June 30, 2015.

Joyce Firth, Secretary