

November 19, 2020

Minutes for Meeting of Cultural Council

Attendees:

Ellen Gould

Michael Fater

Marlys Jarstfer

Riccardo Guillaume, MA Cultural Council (invited guest)

Lisa Lukasek (guest)

7:03 Meeting called to order

- Discussion with Ricardo Guillaume
 - Questions concerning Seed Money (up front funding)
 - How/when can grantee spend funding (check already cashed) if event is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions? Per RG, ok for grantee to retain money.
 - How to deal with grantee who didn't return paperwork on a timely basis – just sent it recently? Per RG, not OK to fund, Will need to provide proof that money was spent to get 2020 grant -- will need to reapply.
 - Annual Report & Granting Cycles
 - Section 1 has been submitted (deadline re-extended)
 - No further action necessary until January 2021
 - New grant applications can be submitted
 - Voting decisions cannot be made until State budget decisions made (January)
 - In case of additional budget delays (worst case) all local cultural councils would receive certain nominal amounts (\$1000) that could be disbursed with any current remaining funds.
 - Consideration of grants for virtual events and operating funds encouraged by MA Cultural Council
- Approved minutes from last meeting (October 2020), for posting on town website.
- Topic A: Davis Bates grant status – per discussion with R. Guillaume, needs to reapply.
- Topic B: QB Leslie Havens grant status – per discussion with R. Guillaume, OK to use grant money
- Topic C: All members attending were able to log in to MA Cultural Council site access for Local Cultural Councils.
- Topic D: New funds for grant money will not be available until approval of budget in January
- Topic E: Deposit has been made to revolving account. Need to make sure to include routing number, etc. with deposits in the future.
- Topic F: Annual Report Section 1 has been done. Ready to submit Section 2 with funding determined.
- Lisa Lukasek (guest) asked about deadlines for spending 2020 grant to her organization (Nipmuc Music Recording Studio, request by Melissa Stewart).
 - OK to carry over in to 2021, but use early in 2021 better than later
 - Consider applying for 2021 grant as well.
- Next meeting scheduled for December 21, 2020.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.