

Becket Cultural Council (BCC)

Minutes for June 17, 2023. Meeting held via Zoom.

Present: Cathy Terwedow, Shelley Chanler, Sarah Reedy, Carole Rivel, Drea Pecor

Absent: Jane Markham, Lisa Rosier

Other attendees: Jeff Piemont, new member of the Becket Select Board

This meeting was held to clarify the definition of "Becket Day Camp" as it pertains to the BCC meeting held on June 5, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM.

- 1) After a minor correction, the motion to accept the June 5th minutes was approved.
- 2) By way of review, Cathy described how Becket had voted at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting to give \$3,000 to the BCC for local cultural programs. On June 5th, the BCC voted to fully fund the 2023 grantees who were granted less than they requested. This allocation of \$1785 left \$1215 in available funds, which the group decided to offer to three Becket organizations, one of which was the "Becket Day Camp."
- 3) After the June 5th meeting ended (hence, outside of open-meeting rules), conversations revealed that Becket has two day camps: the town day camp and the YMCA day camp.
- 4) After discussion about each camp on June 17th, it was determined that neither camp needs the funding.
- 5) Question: Jeff Piemont asked if the \$6,633 awarded to grantees included town money. He was informed that the \$6,633 included funds that had been encumbered from previous years when COVID prevented many grantees from utilizing the funding. The state's 2023 allocation was \$5,500.
- 6) Info on grant cycles: The 2023 grant cycle for the MCC (Massachusetts Cultural Council) is January - December. The budget cycle for the Town of Becket is July 1 - June 30. The funds the BCC received from the town will be used only for Becket-based activities.
- 7) After further discussion, the group voted to offer the remaining \$1215 of town funds as grant opportunities to the Becket Athenaeum and the Becket Art Center (BAC). The money would be split equally between the two organizations (\$607 each).
- 8) Voting: Drea and Jane recused themselves due to conflicts of interest. Drea contacted Tracy Wilson over phone/Zoom for approval, since we need a quorum. Tracey voted yes, to split the remaining funds as stated. All others voted in favor of the split. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) All BCC grantees being offered additional funds will receive a letter notifying them of the fact. The BAC and Athenaeum will receive a second letter offering them the additional grant funds, with a request to tell us how the funds would be used. Included in the letters will be the requirement that reimbursement requests be submitted no later than June 15, 2024.
- 10) Local funding received by BCC will be reported to the state. Discussions on how this funding will be reported will be tabled for another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45AM.

Submitted by Shelley Chanler, BCC secretary