

Becket Cultural Council (BCC)

Minutes for August 24, 2023. Meeting held in person and via Zoom.

Present: Cathy Terwedow, Drea Pecor, Jane Markham, Lisa Rosier, Sarah Reedy, Karen Ludington

Absent: Shelley Chanler, Carole Rivel

8/24/23 6pm Cultural Council Meeting

- Welcome & introductions
- New member: Karen Ludington
- Approved 6/17/23 meeting minutes
- Held elections: Cathy-Chair, Drea-Treasurer, Publicity-Sarah, all voted in, Secretary-open
- Reviewed required membership policies and training
- SmartSimple link e-mailed to Karen
- Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) has a toolkit for reference material. YouTube has MCC training course guideline videos.
- Reviewed our Funding Priorities: Spoke about dates and our guidelines for the coming year. Reviewed the town of Becket's website and our statement of Funding Priorities. We reworded our statement and created a more broad and simple statement.
- Reviewed Local Guidelines: Approved as written.
- Reviewed Financial Report: Discussed how we receive and disperse our monies to programs. Discussed further monies granted to us from the Town of Becket. Three requests came in for reimbursement: Drum to the Beat, WAM Theater, and the Stockbridge Sinfonia, totaling \$900.00.
- Discussed that we should meet with the Town of Becket town funding department to see how we add in our funding.
- Reviewed how we disperse money for each grant cycle; the council has always chosen reimbursement option.
- Reviewed that we need to write a letter to the Select Board asking for town funding at the Becket Annual Town Meeting. The letter should show how the town funds granted in May were utilized and how they supported our community. This should be developed at the beginning of January.
- Discussed how letters were sent to all the 2023 grant recipients who we did not fully fund letting them know we had additional funds from the town. Most recipients responded back and were extremely grateful.
- Next meeting date: Monday, November 6, 2023, 6-8pm at Becket Town Hall.
- Meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Submitted by Lisa Rosier, BCC member