

SHELBURNE CULTURAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
Nov. 12, 2020

The Shelburne Cultural Council meeting of Nov. 12, 2020, was called to order by chair Connie Clarke at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was conducted via the town of Shelburne's official ZOOM virtual meeting platform.

Present: Connie Clarke, Honor (Sally) Judd, Owen Bragdon, Kate Whittaker, Samantha Feury, Yana Cortlund Feasey, Jacqui Goodman and Kay Berenson
Absent: Eben Sorkin, Diane Poland, Nancy Eisenstein

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Connie reviewed a spreadsheet outlining reimbursement status for 2020 grants. One project was cancelled and grant of \$175 will be forfeited back to council. Most others have either been reimbursed for expenses submitted or have had extensions approved. Council is still waiting for decision from Heath Fair music project and Voices from Inside regarding future plans. Two grants extended from 2019, for programs at Arms Library and Buckland Library, have still not been reimbursed because paperwork has not been submitted. Representatives will be contacted and alerted that the extended deadline is running out and that grants will have to be forfeited if paperwork is not submitted very soon.

Connie reported that MCC expects to be level funded for next year, though state budget is not final, and SCC will likely have the same amount of funding as in 2020. Council discussed how to work with past grant recipients to find new ways to support them, possibly by funding new projects along with extensions for their 2020 projects.

The council unanimously voted to continue its funding policy of project reimbursement. It was noted that the current funding system has worked well for all concerned, that it fosters close relations between the council and applicants, and prevents the unfortunate circumstance wherein a project is unrealized thereby placing the Council in the difficult position of having to recoup paid out funds (as per MCC directive).

With retirement of 5 positions set to take place in June 2021, turnover of positions was discussed. Council members decided to wait until February to decide on new Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary—all of which are currently held by retiring members. New council members felt they would have a better understanding of how the funding process works, and what each position entails once the 2021 cycle has been completed.

Members who need to were reminded to complete their Conflict of Interest Training and present their Certificates of Completion to Town Clerk Joe Judd.

A date for the next meeting will be set following news of a State FY21 passed budget. For the time being all follow-up can be accomplished by email.

Council's business meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Kay Berenson, Secretary, with additions by Kate Whittaker