

**SHELBURNE CULTURAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

February 5, 2021

The Shelburne Cultural Council meeting of Feb. 5, 2021 was called to order by chair Connie Clarke at 7:00 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, Eben Sorkin, Nancy Eisenstein and Kay Berenson

Absent: Diane Poland

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Connie reviewed a spreadsheet outlining reimbursement status for 2020 grants, encumbered reserves set aside for outstanding prior grants and funds available for new grants for 2021. Nancy described several changes in procedures because of COVID epidemic, stressing that a commitment from a local venue for presentation was not required this year because of emphasis on COVID compliant virtual activities and events.

The council then turned to discussion of the applications that had been submitted by the deadline. Nancy, Kay, Sally and Kate each reported on the applications they had been assigned to focus on and any questions from other board members that had led to further contact with applicants regarding unclear information. Council members reached preliminary agreement on which applicants should be funded, which should be rejected and "maybes" which might need further information or thought regarding priorities. Decisions on funding allocations will be discussed at the next meeting of the council, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, also on the town's Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Minutes by Kay Berenson, Secretary