

SHELBURNE CULTURAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 11, 2021

The Shelburne Cultural Council meeting of March 11, 2021 was called to order by chair Connie Clarke at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was conducted via the town of Shelburne's official ZOOM virtual meeting platform in keeping with COVID pandemic guidelines.

Present: Connie Clarke, Owen Bragdon, Kate Whittaker, Samantha Feury, Yana Cortlund Feasy, Jacqui Goodman, Eben Sorkin, Kay Berenson and Jennifer Bauman.

Absent: Diane Poland, Honor Judd, Nancy Eisenstein

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Jennifer Bauman was introduced as potential new member of the council. Council members voted to submit her nomination to the Shelburne Select Board for appointment.

Connie noted that she had sent suggestions for maintaining online security during ZOOM based and other virtual events to 2021 grant recipients and those with holdover grants from 2020. She also noted that all necessary communications, including denial and approval letters to grant applicants, and annual report to MCC have been completed. The report to the Town is in progress as is a press release announcing grant awards and both those will be completed shortly.

Council discussed changes in leadership related to the pending end of terms of office of many council members. After discussing how to avoid disruption in council activities, it was pointed out that MCC guidelines allow an outgoing member to remain on the council as a non-voting member during a transition period. Retiring members Connie Clarke (chair), Nancy Eisenstein (treasurer) and Kay Berenson (secretary) agreed to remain on the council in that capacity for a transition period.

Council members agreed to form a nominating subcommittee to suggest officers for the next year.

Yana then gave a presentation on website possibilities, reviewing such questions as proposed audience and scope. Following discussion among the group, Yana and Eben agreed to work on a development plan, with help from a local expert web developer who is willing to provide volunteer assistance. Council members also discussed whether funds set aside in the 2021 grant cycle for a council-funded project could be used for expenses of developing such a website and whether a website might be the best use of limited council financial and members' time resources. Yana offered to transcribe the recording of this discussion and then send a summary of the ideas put forth out to members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes by Kay Berenson, Secretary