

## **Shelburne Cultural Council**

### **Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022**

**January 18, 2022 Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Connie Clarke, Chair.**

**Members Present:** Connie Clarke, Chair; Owen Bragdon, Co-Chair; Jennifer Bauman, Treasurer; Kate Whittaker, Secretary; Linn Bower, Jacqui Goodman, Eben Sorkin, Barbara Watts

**The Council unanimously approved, with minor edits, the collective draft minutes** of the previous 4 meetings: November 16 & 30, and December 7 & 14, 2021.

Final wrap up of the 2022 Grant Cycle included an update that all grants, accepted or denied, have been reported to the MCC and all letters of notice sent to the respective applicants.

Jacqui volunteered to work with Jennifer on Treasurer-related duties; Linn agreed to partner with Kate on Secretarial issues. Connie will work with Jennifer regarding returning files to the Town archived collection at Memorial Hall. Connie also stated she will stay on as a member in her 'safe harbor' role until these files have been returned; this was unanimously approved by all members. Owen affirmed that once his current membership term ends in June (fulfilling a former's member's term) he will seek reappointment for a new 3 yr term. He offered to retain his Co-Chair position; unanimously approved.

Members discussed the need for recruitment of new members and several names of possible candidates were suggested and will be contacted. Members favorably discussed the idea of our 8 hilltown LCCs forming a Regional CC, or perhaps partnership with Buckland CC, agreeing that the redundancies of the Grant Cycle for both LCCs and applicants warrants exploration.

Discussion followed regarding how to work together efficiently in future using various browser-based platforms: Doodle Poll, Google Docs, etc. Members will familiarize themselves with these formats.

Members suggested, as part of our community outreach for our next grant cycle, to reach out to the Arts Hub - Western Mass online arts info site - to learn how our own, and other LCCs, might create a presence there and become part of this 'What's On' in the hilltowns.

Kate will draft a public notice for the Greenfield Recorder announcing the recipients of our 2022 Grant Cycle; when complete it will also be posted to our Facebook site.

MCC's next ARPA funds meeting will be held Jan 24; members who can will attend.

Eben informed us his logo and letterhead are complete and ready for use.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

