

Shelburne Cultural Council - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Linn Bower.

Attending: Owen Bragdon, Co-Chair, Linn Bower, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, Jacqui Goodman, Maureen Moore. **Absent:** Jennifer Bauman, Treasurer.

Minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved unanimously.

SCC business: Barbara Watts has informed the Council that due to her work schedule she is not able to attend meetings and otherwise devote adequate time to the work involved. She has been instructed by the SCC to send a letter of resignation to the Selectboard via Terry, Town Administrator. We thank her for her service and wish her well.

FY 23 Grant Cycle: It was decided that, due to a record setting 44 applications and our relatively small granting amount (\$5500 allocation + rollover from FY22 for a total of \$6447) that the SCC would postpone its Council Program (see previous meeting minutes) until such time as we are able to fund it. We felt we could not comfortably absorb money from the fund with so many worthy proposals pending. Owen will inform Rachel Silverman, at Mohawk Trail Regional School, of our financial constraints and need to postpone.

The Council proceeded to review the FY23 Grant applications. Adhering to our Priorities, Guidelines, and MCC state guidelines, applications that were determined to be of weaker public benefit relative to the others were Declined. Due to the significantly increased number of proposals whose venue is in Shelburne and Buckland, these local programs superseded those taking place elsewhere. Of the 44 applications received, 21 were declined. These will be entered immediately into MCC's Smart Simple program; MCC will send out Decline letters to these applicants.

The Council will determine award amounts to the Approved applicants at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held following the mandatory 15 day wait period once the Declined applications have been entered into MCC's system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linn Bower, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, assisting.

