

## New Marlborough Cultural Council Minutes

### 3/14/24

A meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council was called to order at the New Marlborough Library at 5 pm. Present were Co-Chairs Wendy Miller and Louise Yohalem, Treasurer Eugene Cleary, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, and Council members Sean Kelleher, Lauri Abel, Didi Sinclair and Klea Simakis. Holly Valente attended as a guest. Hester Velmans and Meghan Lawrence, co-chairs of Sheffield's Cultural Council, were also guests at the meeting.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Louise said that she will apply for the State Cultural Council Festival Grant. The application is due March 28<sup>th</sup>. Louise said that last year Burritt Day cost \$3200. The yearly grant from the state is \$2500.

Didi is overseeing the pot-luck dinner which will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the New Marlborough Meeting House. A guitarist will play from 6-9 pm. Kathy Potoski has volunteered to do flowers. Ann Getsinger will do a poster.

Louise said that the spring fund-raiser letter will go out in April. Lauri will update the letter she composed for the last mailing.

Wendy said that this year we will ask for \$2500 from the town. Last year the town gave us \$1500. The expense of one mailing is \$1600.

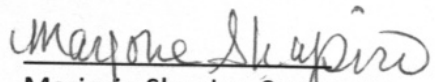
There was discussion of Burritt Day. The Council had previously approved money for a sound system and picked out the make and model that will serve us. Holly said that she will purchase it for us.

The Council discussed with Hester and Meghan the idea of doing a joint event that would include Cultural Councils from New Marlborough, Sheffield and possibly Egremont. One idea is to have a party for the grantees. Suggested venues for the event were Greenagers Barn and Hester's barn at her home in Sheffield.

Klea brought up the need for a central Cultural Council email address which she will look into.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Marjorie Shapiro, Secretary