

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes- November 11,2022

A meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council was held at 4:15 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting was chaired by Louise Yohalem. Also in attendance were Treasurer Eugene Cleary, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Nancy Barbe, Jane Maser, Marjorie Robins, Linda Faas, Lauri Aibel, Kathy Potoski, Holly Valente, Sherri Goerlick (via Zoom) and guest Wendy Miller.

A vote to approve the minutes from September were suspended until the December meeting.

Nancy reported that we have \$22,000 and have applied for a \$2500 pandemic relief grant from MA Cultural.

This was our annual meeting in which we discuss and decide on grants. We discussed all 31 grants that we received and awarded a total of \$15,200.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Marjorie Shapiro

New Marlborough Cultural Council
Minutes, December 8, 2022

Attendance: Nancy Barbe, presiding. Holly Valente, Lauri Aibel, Jane Maser, Sherri Gorelick, Louise Yohalem, Kathy Potoski. Wendy Miller, ad hoc.

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 by Nancy Barbe. Wendy announced that her request for a new Massachusetts Law to allow small town electees to also serve as volunteers had passed. Amid enthusiastic congratulations, was an immediate vote to appoint her to the CC as a full, voting member. The minutes of October 13, tabled at the November meeting, were approved. The November minutes were approved as submitted. In the absence of treasurer Eugene Cleary due to illness, and who reported by phone, the Treasurer's Report was unchanged. The Council approved a grant in the amount of \$750 to purchase a puppet for a project approved in November by a New Marlborough teacher. This award will be made from the Council's local fundraising. This brings the total awarded for 2023 to \$16,000.

A discussion was held about the maintenance of fundraising records, including a comparison of historic amounts.

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$13,000	7,276	7,900	12,800

Two questions to discuss: What can we do to increase donations? How to increase CC visibility. Sherri suggested that we make a video, do something to highlight our work. We will submit an article about our grantees to the *5Village News* for their February 1 issue.

Nancy shared a draft of a Festival Grant application to the MCC for Burritt Day. Historically, we have been awarded \$500. To be eligible, this year our expenses had to exceed \$2500. We should hear early in the year. The Recovery Grant which she submitted earlier will be announced in January.

Our January meeting will focus on tasks needed for the coming year. Louise will chair the meeting. So far, the following have volunteered: Louise will get the mail. Burritt Day - Wendy and Holly will get the vendors; Alice Fahs, former member, will continue to supervise parking. Kathy Potoski will chair the Pot Luck supper.

As they begin their mandatory year off, Nancy Barbe and Holly Valente were resoundingly thanked for their 6 years of outstanding service to the Cultural Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Yohalem