New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting 10/12/23

A meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council was called to order at the New Marlborough Public Library at 4:15 pm. Present were Co-Presidents Louise Yohalem and Wendy Miller, Treasurer Eugene Cleary, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Jane Maser, Linda Fass, Lauri Aibel and Sherri Gorelick. Louise Yohalem chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Wendy suggested and the Council agreed that the potluck dinner should be moved to the spring. Wendy suggested that we invite grantees to the potluck.

Our new fundraising letter, written by Lauri Aibel, will be sent out by the first week of November.

There was a discussion about sending our fundraising letter to local businesses in the community.

Louise said that we need new members and said that she we will put out a request for members on Maggie's List.

Louise will apply for this year's festival grant of \$2500 from Massachusetts State Cultural Council, to be used for Burritt Day.

Wendy will ask the Town of New Marlborough for \$2500 to cover a portion of our mailing costs. The cost of postage has increased. Last spring's mailing cost was \$1850.

Our next meeting is November 9th at 4:15 pm at Town Hall, at which time we will decide on the distribution of grant money to applicants. This year we are able to award up to \$15,000 in total.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marjorie Shapiro