

# **Sturbridge Cultural Council Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

## **Call to order**

Chair Kerry Carey called to order the regular meeting of the Sturbridge Cultural Council(SCC) at 5:38 PM on January 27, 2021. The meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting. Jeff Bridges read aloud the following:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Cultural Council will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

## **Quorum Check**

The following members were present: Kerry Carey(KC), Ed Cornely(EC), Joyce Sinnott(JS), Roxann Smith(RS), Reed Ide(RI). A quorum was met. Also, town administrator Jeff Bridges(JB) attended the meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting on August 12, 2020 were reviewed. The committee voted to accept the minutes as written.

### **Member update/call for members**

KC informed the Council that Alicia Reddin has moved out of Sturbridge and is no longer a member. She asked if we knew of anyone interested in joining the council that they send an email to at [sturbridgeculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sturbridgeculturalcouncil@gmail.com) or to Jeff Bridges, [JBridges@Sturbridge.Gov](mailto:JBridges@Sturbridge.Gov).

### **Grant Applicant Review**

The SCC has \$4402 allocated to funding grants which were approved last year and requested to delay execution because of the Covid-19 pandemic. One grant cancelled their performance and that money, \$450, has been added to this year's grant cycle. The SCC received \$6400 from the Mass Cultural Council. The amount of money available for this year's grants is \$6650 (\$6400 + \$450 - \$200 for administrative cost allocation). The board reviewed 11 grants. After discussion, JS summarized the decisions that were made. A motion was made and seconded for the Sturbridge Cultural Council to approve the grant approvals and disapprovals as read. The motion was carried 7-0. The following is a summary of approvals and disapprovals.

|    |  |                               |         |
|----|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1  | Perma Grin: Live! On the Sturbridge Common         | Jenny Pratt                   | \$750   |
| 2  | Duo Pianists, Composers & Educators                | Marilyn Morales               | \$750   |
| 3  | Acoustic Memories For Seniors                      | Sean L Fullerton              | \$0     |
| 4  | New Rep Education - Romeo and Juliet               | Lisa Field-Coleman            | \$650   |
| 5  | Chainsaws, Cheesburgers and Rock N' Roll-Live!     | Dr. "The Machine" Jesse Green | \$0     |
| 6  | Music + Education Event                            | David Maloof                  | \$350   |
| 7  | Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra                  | Ken Longstreeth               | \$1,250 |
| 8  | OSV Free Museum Pass to Sturbridge residents       | OSV                           | \$1,000 |
| 9  | The Music Matters Band                             | Mike Tarara                   | \$150   |
| 10 | Science & Engineering Education Development (SEED) | Sandra Pearl                  | \$1,054 |
| 11 | Holdn' Back Band                                   | Craig Smith                   | \$151   |
|    |  |                               | \$6,105 |

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

KC will check with MCC contact, Ricky Guillaume, about how to handle the 2020 grant deferrals.

### **Set a Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be in February. KC will send out possible dates to the council members.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:41 PM