

Sturbridge Cultural Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021

Call to order

Chair Kerry Carey called to order an emergency meeting of the Sturbridge Cultural Council(SCC) at 5:00 PM on August 12, 2020. The meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting. Kerry Carey 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 January 28, 2021 were reviewed. The committee voted to accept the minutes as written.

2020 Encumbered Funds

Anyone who had requested an extension from 2022 did NOT need to reapply for a 2021 application. The few that were awarded the overage of \$150/\$151 was in addition to their already funded projects from last year that never happened. This created an issue of not spending all of our funds for 2021. A balance of \$952 needed to be allocated in order to complete the annual report.

The council discussed how to allocate these funds and decided on the amounts listed below. In addition, the council expenses were reduced to \$187. EC moved to allocate the funds as indicated below plus the council expense change to \$187. RI seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

	Project Title	Applicant Name	Prev. Amt.	Encumbered Funds	New Amt.
1	Perma Grin: Live! On the Sturbridge Common	Jenny Pratt	\$750		\$900
2	Duo Pianists, Composers & Educators	Marilyn Morales	\$750		\$845
4	New Rep Education - Romeo and Juliet	Lisa Field-Coleman	\$650		\$800
6	Music + Education Event	David Maloof	\$350		\$445

7	Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra	Ken Longstreeth	\$1,250		\$1345
8	OSV Free Museum Pass to Sturbridge residents	OSV	\$1,000		\$1095
9	The Music Matters Band	Mike Tarara	\$150	\$600	\$845
10	Science & Engineering Education Development (SEED)	Sandra Pearl	\$1,054		\$1149
11	Holdn' Back Band	Craig Smith	\$151	\$599	\$845
			\$6,105		

New Business

JS informed the council that JH Library was holding a 150-year celebration and suggested that the two grant recipients without venues be notified of this on-going event. KC volunteered to notify these recipients.

Adjournment

JS moved to adjourn. EC seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM