

Sturbridge Cultural Council Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020

Call to order

Chair Linda Friedmann called to order the regular meeting of the Sturbridge Cultural Council(SCC) at 5:03 PM on June 10, 2020. The meeting was held virtually using GoToMeeting. Roxann Smith 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: Linda Friedmann(LF), Kerry Carey(KC), Larry Morrison(LM), Ed Cornely(EC), Joyce Sinnott(JS) and Roxann Smith(RS). 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 May 18, 2020 were reviewed and discussed. The committee voted to accept the minutes.

Voting on Delays/Modifications of Grants due to COVID-19

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Cindy Skowyra, Executive Director of Hitchcock Academy requested their grant, "Make Music for Father's Day" which was scheduled to be held in Sturbridge, be postponed until later this year or until next year. The grant was originally submitted by Sue Gregory, who has since retired. LF checked with Ricardo Guillaume, of Mass. Cultural Council(MCC), about the name change. He reported Sue's name will remain on the record until MCC can make the change. He also reported when it comes time to cut the check, it should be made out to Hitchcock Academy. The SCC voted unanimously to allow Hitchcock Academy to postpone their event to be held later this year or in 2021.

Election of Council Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

The SCC voted unanimously to approve the members listed to the following positions.

Chair: Kerry Carey

Treasurer: Joyce Sinnott

Secretary: Roxann Smith

Membership- New members

Linda Friedmann's term plus 6-month extension will end on June 30, 2020. She has reached her term limit.

Larry Morrison's term ends on Sept 5, 2020 and he will be leaving the council.

Joyce Sinnott's term ends September 19, 2020 and she has volunteered to continue.

We thanked Linda and Larry for their service.

LF contacted the three people who had expressed interest in the SCC via the survey. Wally Hersee was interested but was unable to commit at this time, Reed Ide is interested and has contacted JB about the opening and Tanya Neslusan did not respond.

JB mentioned that Dara Shanahan and Elsie Redding have also expressed interest in joining the SCC.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Set a Meeting date for June

Dates proposed for the next meeting were August 12th or 19 starting at 5 PM. RS will forward those dates to Andrea Mensen who will set up the meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:53 PM

