



TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Medway Cultural Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Becky Atwood, Crystal Buckley, Cindy Ellis, Phil Giangarra, Gail Hachenburg, Judith Moffatt, Jyoti Ranjan, Hazel Warnick, Jordan Warnick

Attended via Zoom: Stuthi Balaji, Valerie Shinas, Karyl Wong

Absent: Angelica Crosby, Amna Saeed-Kothe

Community Members Present: None

Recording Secretary: Marianne Boynton

Mrs. Hachenburg called the Meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The meeting was in-person with 3 members attending via Zoom.

I. **Approval of minutes from April 4, 2023:**

Correction made to Item # 4 current project: Erin Atwood corrected to McCarthy and Becky added to Atwood.

Dates corrected to April 4, not April 12.

Ms. Warnick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/4/23; Ms. Moffatt seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.

II. **Officer's Reports –**

Treasurer's Report - Hazel Warnick distributed the current financial report to the council members. She received an email today that the funds are coming from Mass Cultural Council and should be there soon. Expecting \$8,866.

Ms. Atwood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Giangarra seconded the motion. The vote was approved with 1 member abstaining and all others voting to approve.

III. Sculpture Progress - Gail Hachenburg, Erin McCarthy

A. *Library Sculpture* - Ms. Hachenburg spoke with the sculpturer, Erin McCarthy and they also met with Margaret Perkins from the library. Ms. McCarthy is starting to sculpt. They are going to meet with the library trustees in 2 weeks to discuss the sculpture and obtain approval. The next step would be to meet with the Select Board privately and get on docket for next Select Board meeting.

B. *Art on the Trail Sculpture* – Becky Atwood and Gail Hachenburg

Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Hachenburg did research finding an artist that works with stone. Ms. Atwood and Ms. Hachenburg may take a trip to Barre, VT to talk with a stone sculpture artist and visit some studios. Ms. Hachenburg spoke with Erin McCarthy to obtain information about artists that work with stone. Ms. Atwood has some artists that work in stone that she will contact. Mr. Warnick suggested talking to the person in Southborough for suggestions. Ms. McCarthy relayed that usually a sculpture would be done in clay first and then sent on to a stone artist. Erin has artists that she can refer to the Council. Also discussed was the need to determine the cost of stone structure vs. Bronze, which is more feasible.

IV. Utility Box Progress - Crystal Buckley

Things are going fine. Ms. Warnick is working on the contract and making some corrections before sending it to artists. Two of the artists are minors so needed to add parental information. The Town questioned whether it needed to go to legal Counsel. Members agreed that it is ok to have artists start painting once contracts are signed.

V. Mother's Day event, Coffee House - Crystal Buckley

No updated information, waiting to see if people sign up. There are options to paint the canvas yourself or have artist paint and frame. If they don't get turnout, they will look at other time frames and event formats. The ad in Facebook was boosted and will be posted again.

VI. Update on LCC Grants - Karyl Wong

Ms. Wong reported that nothing is coming up for the rest of April or May, some events are coming in June.

- Medway Library's grant for their Annual License for Teen Movies will not occur until July since the library follows the town's fiscal year.

- In June, there is the Medway Historical Society's The Civil War Letters of George & Emily Ward.
- The Steam workshop, Spin Yer Art has a space but no date yet, Jennifer Kendall said that the calendar has been too busy. She will delay it until the fall.
- The Sense and Sound Robotics finishes this month. Ms. Wong noticed that they did not use the MCC logo and reminded him. Karyl will follow up and report back to the council.
- Steven Lewis (International Women's Day Poster Exhibit) finished in March at the library. There were no signs to let people know there were posters exhibits.
- Elizabeth Silvia, The BaNannies Live doesn't have a date yet.

Ms. Hachenburg said that the council should be stricter for next year's grants in requiring dates so that we can do press releases. She feels that they should be careful going forward so state funding isn't reduced next year. Ms. Wong agreed to continue to be the grant liaison, per Mass Cultural Council, she can be a non-voting member after her current term expires on June 30, 2023.

VII. Continuation of Membership as non-Voting Members

Mr. Warnick made a motion for Ms. Wong to continue as a non-voting member of the council as Grant Liaison on July 1, 2023 and Ms. Shinas seconded the motion; there was no discussion. All who could vote approved the motion. Ms. Wong abstained.

Ms. Hachenburg's term is also expiring in June 2023 and she has agreed to be a non-voting member of the council for the coming year. Ms. Warnick made a motion for Ms. Hachenburg to be a non-voting member for 1 yr beginning July 1, Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All who could vote approved the motion. Ms. Hachenburg abstained.

VIII. Council Visibility - Jordan Warnick

Mr. Warnick expressed the importance of having council members at events that they sponsor.

There is an opportunity to have a table at the Town Hall meeting on May 8. SUP Medway will have a table. Should MCC have a table? We could promote upcoming events and include grant information for people who might want to apply. He hopes the new sign will be ready. Mr. Warnick will talk with Allison Potter to request a table and contact council members for materials and volunteers. Ms. Wong suggested printing some lawn signs to use when there are events. Mr. Warnick confirmed that Mike at Ad Print has all information needed.

Mr. Warnick provided an update on the mistaken membership terms; they are awaiting Select Board Vote.

Artist Spotlight – Ms. Moffatt agreed to help Ms. Shinas with this. Ms. Shinas will handle website and promotion and Ms. Moffatt will be the one to reach out to artists. Ms. Moffatt suggested having Barry at Medway Cable film the Pixie Parade and use that footage as part of the spotlight that month. She will ask parents to sign permission for their children to be photographed. Muffin House owner, Sheldon Resnick, has accepted our offer to be a culinary artist for the spotlight series.

IX. Other Business -

- A. Stuthi Balaji - Thinking of a fund-raising gala to raise money for MCC. They would sell tickets to event. Money would be brought in from ticket sales, but they would need funds up front to get the event going. She is going to put a budget together. She wants to understand how to go about the planning. For non-LCC events there is a form to complete, like the process to fund Juneteenth and Diwali events. Ms. Ellis is helping to make the request form an online fillable form. Ms. Hachenburg mentioned that they need to look at money and projects that we are committed to. This will go on the agenda for the next meeting.
- B. Ms. Moffatt has a license question. She found a hot dog vendor who might be interested in coming to the Pixie Festival. Ms. Hachenburg said you still need to get a permit for any vendor. Need to contact Derek Kwok at the Board of Health to find out about permits. Mr. Warnick will ask Mr. Kwok.
- C. Mr. Warnick asked Ms. Hachenburg to ask Barry about having him join the council as a non-resident. According to Mass Cultural council it could be permitted.
- D. Jyoti Ranjan mentioned that she is still trying to understand the MCC and how she can help. She offered to assist with Artist Spotlight and Diwali and wants to do something science related. Mr. Warnick is involved with SUP Medway, and asked if we should share posting on materials related to substances that affect the brain. Ms. Ranjan is volunteering to assist with this to determine programs that MCC could sponsor that relate to this, alcohol and nicotine.

Adjourn - Mr. Giangarra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 and Ms. Warnick seconded the motion to adjourn and approved by unanimous vote.