



TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



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Medway Cultural Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Medway Public Library, Cole Room

Members Attended: Becky Atwood, Stuthi Balaji, Angelica Crosby, Judith Moffatt, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Valerie Shinas, Hazel Warnick, Jordan Warnick

Members Attended via Zoom: Cyndy Ellis, Phil Giangarra, Jyoti Ranjan

Members Absent: None

Ex officio Members Present: Gail Hachenburg, Karyl Wong

Recording Secretary: Marianne Boynton

Mr. Warnick called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. The meeting had all council members present (8 members in-person and 3 via Zoom).

1. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2023

Ms. Crosby made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Oct 17 with no corrections. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. Approved vote, 8-0 (three members had not yet entered Zoom).

2. Officer's Reports

a. Treasurer's Report - Hazel Warnick

Ms. Warnick sent the Treasurer's Report to members via email prior to the meeting. She noted has not received a reconciled budget from the town. The only outstanding expense is Jennifer Kendall \$200. There is \$425 left over in administrative expenses, Ms. Balaji noted that there will be some administrative expenses from the Diwali festival this Saturday. Mr. Warnick asked if one of the members was billed for the MedCC Zoom account. Mr. Giangarra will check his account. Ms. Crosby asked how long the grant

funds from the state can be carried over. Ms. Warnick responded that the funds must be allocated in 6 weeks.

Ms. Balaji made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Ms. Sayeed-Kothe seconded the motion. Approved unanimous vote.

b. Chair's Report - Jordan Warnick

Mr. Warnick mentioned that this is a public meeting. Regarding the grants that are to be discussed, MACC results allow ex-members to comment on the grants but cannot vote. Anyone (*i.e.*, members) with a conflict of interest in a particular grant, need to make the council aware and step out during the discussion and vote of a grant.

Ms. Crosby asked that Mr. Warnick review the criteria. He stated that 1) the event must have a venue and date; 2) It must be accessible to people with disabilities; 3) it must include a description of how it will be promoted and 4) it was to be geographically accessible to Medway residents. Ms. Atwood mentioned that some of these may have been misinterpreted by applicants.

3. Introduction of Student Applicant for Membership

The student was not able to attend the meeting.

4. Review of LCC Grants for Calendar Year 2024

The grants were reviewed, discussed, and then voted on.

Ms. Balaji made a motion to spend the full MaCC allotment of \$8,500 on LCC Grants. Ms. Crosby seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.

Eleven of the 23 grants that were submitted to the Medway Cultural Council via the Mass Cultural Council met the combined requirements and were approved. The awardees and those who did not receive grants are being submitted to the MaCC as required for their approval prior to any notifications being made.

Ms. Balaji made a motion to approve the funds as discussed and listed, Mr. Giangarra seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote, 11-0.

5. Other Business

The group further discussed utilizing FY23 Town Funds and donations for Erin McCarthy to increase current funding of the sculpture project. Further discussions will be held.

Ms. Balaji noted that there are 525 people registered for the Diwali Festival this Saturday and reiterated the need for volunteers.

Ms. Wong confirmed that the Spin Art workshop is scheduled for November 15 at 4:30 in the library.

Adjourn