



**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Medway Cultural Council**  
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March 6, 2022

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Time:** Mar 1, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) via. Zoom

**Members Present:** Jordan Warnick, Gail Hachenburg, Hazel Warnick, Karyl Wong, Phil Giangarra, Celeste Falcone, Rebecca Atwood, Judith Moffatt, Angelica Crosby, Valerie Shinas and Amy Rochford.

**Town Employee Present:** Michelle Cahoon, Secretary

**Guests Present:** Cyndy Ellis, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Crystal Buckley, Mike Cannistrarro and Tara Murphy

**Observers:** Laura Rymer, Lisa Lipman, Jennifer B., Lisa Camp

**Meeting Start time:** 7:03 pm

**Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2022:**

No corrections made to minutes from the previous meeting.

*Ms. Shinas made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

### **Introduction of potential new members:**

Mr. Warnick introduced three individuals, Cyndy Ellis, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Crystal Buckley, who were attending the meeting as potential new members. Each individual spent no more than five minutes introducing herself as well as offering a few words as to why she is interested in potentially becoming a Cultural Council Member.

### **Agenda Item 1: Sculpture Update**

Agenda Item was tabled as Erin McCarthy was not present at the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 2: Treasurer's Report:**

Ms. Warnick sent out the report to all members ahead of the meeting. MCC received the \$7500 from Massachusetts Cultural Council. Ms. Warnick explained to the guests the three sources of funding that the Council utilizes.

### **Agenda Item 3: Annual Report:**

Mr. Warnick completed the annual report, including any corrections that were sent to him by members. Mr. Warnick sent the report to the Town of Medway's Administrator's Office. The report will be available to the public on the Town's website.

### **Agenda Item 4: Photo Contest**

Mr. Warnick completed the letters that will be mailed out to the winning recipients.

*Action Item: Mr. Warnick, once the checks are cut, will send out to the winners.*

### **Agenda Item 5: Internal Grant Process**

Mr. Warnick shared that the internal grant process instructions are up online on the Town of Medway website under the Medway Cultural Council.

### **Agenda Item 6: Grant Liaison Report**

Ms. Wong sent out a grant summary to all members prior to the meeting. Ms. Wong provided an update on the Grantee's program including a written request from the Medway Friends of Performing Arts to change the dance group, which had to cancel, to the **PanNeubean Steel** band.

*Mr. Warnick made a motion to approve the substitution. Ms. Atwood seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed 9-0.*

Ms. Wong shared with members that the artist Greg Maichack (Elijah Grasshopper) is \$100 short of his requested full funding; however, he decided to work with this amount and will hold a performance on August 10th at 1 p.m.

*Action Items: Ms. Wong will send the MCC logo to the 2022 grantees. Ms. Wong will speak to Greg Maichack (Elijah Grasshopper) as to the funding process, specifically, not all grants are fully funded. Ms. Wong will reach out to grantees who have yet to schedule their events to encourage them to do so.*

Ms. Falcone made a copy of the grant programs (in Google Docs) and ordered it in chronological order.

Ms. Falcone asked members to not use or change this copy.

### **Agenda Item 7: Signal Box**

Ms. Rochford provided an update as to the Select Board's decision to deny the project due to safety and design concerns. The Select Board; however, did approve the MCC to paint the wall that was used for the former handball court near to where the Peace Garden is being built. Mike Cannistrarro will be the artist who will complete the project. Mr. Cannistrarro stated that he has visited the wall to take measurements. Mr. Cannistrarro stated that the wall will need to be power washed and primed prior to painting. Mr. Cannistrarro will use an anti-graffiti varnish to preserve the painting from vandalism. Mr. Cannistrarro shared with the Council his design ideas: nature scene, meadow, sunset, butterflies, colorful. Looking at May for painting to begin.

*Action Item: Mr. Cannistrarro will get a price list together for materials as well as his design ideas to present to the Cultural Council then to the Select Board.*

### **Agenda Item 8: Word Press Transfer to Square Space /Facebook**

Ms. Shinas shared that the new website is up and live. Ms. Falcone posted on the facebook page the link to the new website.

*Action Item: Members to begin thinking about how they want to move forward with Artist Spotlight and perhaps a Culinary Spotlight. Bring ideas to the next meeting.*

### **Agenda Item 9: Second Act**

Ms. Warnick shared that the presentation took place on February 16th and had 30 plus registrants. A survey will be sent out to ask for feedback on the show.

### **Agenda Item 10: Topics for Future**

Mrs. Crosby introduced to the council Tara Murphy who leads a West African Dance Troupe. Ms. Murphy introduced herself to the Council and depicted for the members the performance and its connection to and appreciation of Black culture. Ms. Murphy is interested in performing at Medway's Juneteenth Celebration and will be working with Ms. Crosby to apply for an internal grant.

### **Agenda Item 11: New Business**

Mr. Warnick shared with members the conversation that he had with one of the Select Board member Mr. Trindade, as to taking the lead on an Indigenous Day celebration. Ms. Crosby shared that it was her understanding that the Select Board is intending to create a new committee to oversee the planning for Indigineous Peoples Day.

Mr. Warnick also shared that Mr. Trindade suggested to him that there may be an opening at Choate Park for a sculpture. Members shared their opinions and thoughts as they pertain to working with the Select Board on community art projects.

*Action Item: Mr. Warnick will speak to Glen again as to Indigineous Peoples Day as well as the sculpture, specifically to express that the MCC would want control over the project.*

Ms. Moffatt gave an update on the Pixie Festival.

Mr. Warnick reviewed with the guests in attendance the process of applying to become MCC members and invited them to share any departing words.

**9:00 pm Ms. Crosby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Giangarra seconded the motion.**

The motion passed 9-0

*The listed agenda items are those that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all the listed items may in fact be discussed. The Council may address and consider other matters not specified to the extent permitted by law.*

## **Future Medway Cultural Council Meetings**

First and Third Tuesdays of the month @ 7:00 p.m. except May and June (see below)

Mar 15; Apr 5 and 19; May 3 and 24 - (May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Town Election); Jun 14 and 21 - (June 7 was unavailable)