



TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Medway Cultural Council

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March 20, 2022

MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p. m.

MINUTES

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

Town Employee Present: Michelle Cahoon, Recording Secretary

Guests Present: Erin McCarthy, Glen Trindade, potential members Amna Saeed-Kothe, Cyndy Ellis and Crystal Buckley, Margaret Perkins (Medway Library), Paul Russell (Medway Historical Commission), Cher Hamilton (Medway Historical Commission)

Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2022:

No corrections to minutes. *Mr. Giangarra made a motion to accept the March 1, 2022 minutes. Ms. Shinas seconded the motion. Motion passed 10-0.*

Before moving on with the agenda, Select Board Member, Glen Trindade, addressed the members. Mr. Trindade shared his support of the MCC and the work that the Council is doing in the town of Medway. Mr. Trindade apologized for how politics affected the process and outcome of the signal box project. Mr. Trindade stated that since the Select Board meeting there has been much support for this project and encouraged the MCC to continue to work on developing the idea. Lastly, Mr. Trindade shared that Select Board Member, Dennis Crowley, did speak in favor of painting the wall at Choate Park. MCC Members were provided time to ask questions to Mr. Trindade as well as to express their opinions.

2. Approval of new members:

MCC Members were given the opportunity to pose questions to the potential members (Amna Saed-Kothe, Cyndy Ellis and Crystal Buckley). A vote took place to move the potential members forward to the Select Board for final approval.

Action Item: *All 10 present MCC Members voted to proceed with the process.*

Before moving on to the next agenda item, Ms. Hachenburg reminded those in attendance that comments made on social media are required to be personal statements rather than being made as a reflection of the Medway Cultural Council. The Council's public statements are generally created and approved by members during meetings.

3. Sculpture:

Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Perkins shared with the members a photo of the agreed upon space at the Medway Town Library where the sculpture will be placed. The sculpture will be installed outside, to the right of the front entrance. Ms. McCarthy shared visual images, found online, that she felt represented the theme of Diversity and Inclusion. Ms. McCarthy asked for a confirmed commitment that this is the theme that the Council would like to move forward with. The Council took a vote and all 10 members present voted in agreement with this theme.

Action Item: *Ms. McCarthy to work on developing sketches, informing the Council when completed.*

4. Choate Park Wall Mural:

Ms. Cannistaro was not able to be present for the meeting. Agenda Item tabled. Ms. Rochford asked the Council for confirmation as to who was covering the costs of the project. Mr. Warnick shared that Parks and Recreation will be paying to have the wall resurfaced.

Action Item: *Mr. Warnick will speak with Mr. Trindade to ask about the Select Board's financial contribution. Ms. Hachenburg will speak to Julie Harrington to ask about the Parks & Recreation's potential financial contribution.*

5. Review Signal Box Development :

Ms. Rochford introduced Cher Hamilton to the Council. Cher is a member of the Historical Commission Board for the Town of Medway. Ms. Hamilton provided a timeline of the efforts made by the Historical Commission to seek approval for wrapping all the signal boxes, however this project was stalled. The Historical Commission's design idea was to wrap the signal boxes with black and white town historical photos. The Commission had the project priced at \$2000 per box, utilizing funding that belongs to the Commission. Ms. Hachenburg shared with Ms. Hamilton that the MCC had a different vision for the signal box located at Choate Park. Discussion took place around the Council's Member's vision for the boxes, Town Politics and the potential of working with the Historical Commission.

Action Item: *Ms. Falcone made a motion to have the signal box project represent artistic expression rather than historical expression. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-1 vote.*

Action Item: *Ms. Rochord and potential member Ms. Buckley to meet with Ms. Hamilton to determine whether this project could be a collaborative effort.*

6. Select Board Request:

Glen Trindade relayed that Indigenous Day in the Town of Medway will not replace Columbus Day. The Select Board has asked that a Steering Committee of 9 people be created to oversee the development of this celebration. The Committee will consist of 1 person from each of the following committees: Select Board, School Committee, Historical Commission, Medway Cultural Council, and Medway Library. The remaining 4 spots can be filled by individual nominations. This Committee will be a two-year commitment and will be held as public meetings similar to Town Board and Committee meetings. Questions were posed to members asking who was interested in participating. Ms. Shinas indicated that she was interested.

Action Items: *Ms. Crosby made a motion to approve Ms. Shinas to represent the MCC on the Committee. Ms. Hachenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.*

Ms. Hachenburg made a motion to approve Ms. Crosby to serve as a Member- At Large. Mr. Giangarra seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Crosby will speak to Mr. Trindade as to how he would like her placement to be defined.

8. Master Plan Update:

Ms. Atwood shared that the Master Planning Committee is in Phase 3, strategizing towards goals. Focus Groups are meeting. A community forum will take place on April 5th. To encourage participation in this meeting, *Ms. Hachenburg made a motion to cancel the April 5th meeting as it is the same date as the Master Plan Meeting. Ms. Warnick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.*

9. Art in the Park:

Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, asked Ms. Hachenburg if the Cultural Council would like to have the *Art at Choate Park program* this summer. Ms. Wong explained this summer program to those in attendance who may not be familiar with it. It was a free event that took place in July 2021 at Choate Park. It was designed as a way for Medway Artists to gather and create art together. Ms. Wong and Ms. Hachenburg are working with Ms. Harrington from Parks and Recreation to run this program again this year.

9. Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Warnick reported that there is no report for this meeting.

10. Publicity for Events :

Mr. Warnick asked the Council if advertising is getting out and seen by the public for the events that are taking place in town. Ms. Falcone shared her role in posting on Social Media. Ms. Shinas shared her role in keeping the Council's website updated.

Action Items: *Ms. Hachenburg will speak with Sandy Johnson about developing and rolling out the online Town Calendar. Ms. Crosby will make a print out of the event calendar so that it can be put on the sandwich board at events.*

12. Photo Contest:

Ms. Hachenburg and Ms. Wong will take over leadership of the photo contest. Mr. Warnick will be available to assist.

Action Item: *Ms. Hachenburg will talk to Mr. Warnick regarding the particulars around organizing this event.*

Adjourn: 9 p.m.

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. with exceptions (see below)

April 19 (Middle School, Presentation Room); May 3 (Cole Room, Medway Library); May 24 (TBA; **May 17 is the Town Election**); Jun 7 or 14 (TBA), June 21 (Cole Room, Medway Library)

Zoom Information

Time: Mar 15, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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