



Cultural Council Minutes
Meeting Date March 1, 2021
Approval Date: April 12, 2021

Date: March 1, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Remote Zoom Meeting

Script for remotely conducted open meetings read at beginning of meeting. Attendance and audio/visual check conducted for each member. Script attached.

In attendance: Pam Nichols, Norma Baker, Chris Beauvais, Paul Schaefer, Bette Keene, Sherry Haskins, Brian Stevenson, Carol Diiorio, Lilian Cueva-Dina, Susan Robsky,

1. Call to Order @ 6:32 by Chairperson Pam Nichols
2. Public Forum - None
3. Approve Minutes 2/01/2021 – Motion to approve minutes by Paul Schaefer, 2nd by Sherry Haskins. Approved 9-0-1.
4. Treasurer's Report – No change from last month.
5. New Business

- Appeals - none
- Cultural Council Events Ideas/Options –
 - Anita's suggestion – "I wanted to talk about trying to do a fundraiser/community event I think it's important to bring something to the community particularly due to everything being canceled from the pandemic.
I would even love to go as far as asking if there would be any way to host a weekly outdoor movie night at the common this summer. This can absolutely be a covid safe event, masks required and attendees social distance their seats/blankets from one another. We can ask for donations at the event for our committee.
I have an outdoor movie screen that can be borrowed.
I think it is vital to provide something to look forward to as a community along with some normalcy during these hard times and this would be an easy no cost event."
 - Brian – plain air painting. There's a club of them. Invite other clubs from other towns. Make some inexpensive easels for kids to participate.
 - Brian - Guided nature tour about natural wildlife. The round table might be the place to explore these possibilities.
 - Paul – food truck carnival perhaps as refreshments for movie nights, and we could get a percentage of food trucks.
 - Pam – Earth Day, though not tied to that date, a cleanup day. Discuss with highway dept. for possible pickup of filled trash bags. Perhaps involve the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Sherry will discuss with a friend that did a big clean up in Wilks last year.
 - Pam – food pantry idea similar to the cereal boxes/domino idea that was posted on youtube
Brian will make a google doc to fill in with organizations and the contact person
- Annual Report -
- Logo

6. Old Business

- Denial letters – sent out by Norma Baker, two responses thanking us for our time and consideration, and that they'll try again next year
- Approval Letters – sent out by Sherry Haskins, already received a couple of thank you emails

7. Correspondence – copy of a letter from town administrator, Mr. Smith that allows us to receive our allotted funds.

8. Announcements – next meeting Monday, April 12th

9. Adjourn @ 7:26 Motion made by Paul Schaefer 10-0

**SCRIPT FOR REMOTELY CONDUCTED OPEN MEETINGS
READ AT BEGINNING OF MEETING**

Due to the current COVID-19 Crisis (pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law) this meeting of the _____(board/commission/committee)_____ is being held remotely via Zoom. To join the meeting visit www.zoom.us/join and enter Meeting ID _____ & Passcode _____.

The meeting will be broadcast and recorded on local public access station (Verizon 31 & Charter/Spectrum 191) and live streamed on the Towns YouTube channel when available. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 20, no person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair. Individuals who would like to participate should state their name and address after being recognized by the chairperson. In an effort to ensure transparency to our viewers at home, the chat function is not available.

Confirming Member Access:

As a preliminary matter, this is [identify meeting manager – Chair, support staff, etc.]. Permit me to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda are present and can hear me.

- Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. *State each members' name.*
- Staff, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. *State each staff members' name.*
- Anticipated Speakers on the Agenda, please respond in the affirmative. *State each anticipated speakers' name.*

After members have spoken, the Chair will afford public comment as follows:

- The Chair will first ask members of the public who wish to speak to identify their names and addresses only;