Needham Cultural Council/NeedArts Minutes September 17, 2007

Needham Cultural Council Members Present: Alice Kelleher, Kathleen Leahy, Claire Messing, Debbie Winnick, Anne Munstedt, Suzanne, Saevitz, Greta Merchant, Caryl Johnson, Kathleen Rowe, Louise Miller, Jean Cronin Connolly

NeedArts Members Present: Judy Currie, Needham Concert Society; Jim Sargent, Homegrown Coffeehouse; Gay Ellen Demett, Needham Public Library; Jim Beck, Needham Community Theatre, Anne Nydam, Needham Open Studios, David Neves, Needham Public Schools, Fine/Performing Arts

- Attendees introduced themselves around the room
- Chair, Jean Cronin Connolly facilitated an involved discussion of New Year's Needham and new logo design
- Cultural Council members have been, and will continue to, present to local community organizations to promote NeedArts, the Cultural Council and especially, New Year's Needham..a new powerpoint presentation will be available to be used during these presentations
- Attendees were reminded to update and post their events on the Cultural Council/NeedArts online calendar
- Ad will appear in October 4th Needham Times with NeedArts calendar events for Oct and Nov
- Table will be manned at Needham Harvest Fair
- Claire Messing, Chair of the Cultural Council Grant process reminded attendees that 2008 grants applications are due on October 15th and application forms are available online
- Cultural Council members will be meeting on Monday, October 22 to begin the review of the grant applications
- Treasurer was not at the meeting, but report was sent with the agenda

From the Needham Town Accountant: As of September 14, 2007: 2007 Grant Funds to be dispersed - \$3,767.34 We have notified the town accountant that \$1600 from the MCC was erroneously deposited into our account and the town accountant is looking into this.

NeedArts general funds - \$5,323.52 includes a \$3000 donation from NSTAR and \$500 donation from Dedham Savings Bank

Minutes by Debbie Winnick, Cultural Council Secretary