

Needham Cultural Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Needham Town Hall, Great Plain Room

In attendance: Beth Wells, Elise Miller, Kristen Mazzocchi, David Ecsedy, Mary Murphy Hensley, Jody Feinberg

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Mary Ann Cooley replaces Mo Handel as the Selectman's representative.

We discussed the new online MCC grant application. We will publicize that option as well as the hard copy one, and emphasis that applicants must supply ten copies. In August, we will submit to the local papers the first announcement about grant applications.

We earned \$500 from the Street Fair art show and covered our expenses, but the artists were disappointed at the low turn-out. We discussed ways to increase the visibility of the show, but we also questioned whether there is enough public interest in June. We will consider whether to focus our energies on the December art show, which was much more successful.

The Grant Reception was judged to be a moderate success. The (second choice) speaker did a good job. Because of an unexpected town meeting at the same time, attendance was impacted with no selectmen or school committee members in attendance. David and Claire Ecsedy as town meeting members were limited to a cameo appearance by David. Beth suggested that the reception be held at a later date in the future to avoid such a conflict again.

Beth mentioned the possibility of two new members, one of whom already has an interview scheduled. Beth reported that long time member Michael LaBrecque has resigned. David's term on the Council is over next year. Congratulations to Mary and

Elise as new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council. Kristen was elected Treasurer, and Beth and David are Co-Clerks for the next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17 at North Hill. Thereafter meetings are expected each month on the second Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Jody Feinberg and David Ecsedy