

Thursday, August 18, 2016
Needham Cultural Council

Minutes of the meeting on August 17, 2016

Present were Chairperson, Mary Murphy Hensley, David Ecsedy, Ronal Lowry, Kristen Mazzocchi, Beth Wells.

The meeting began at 7:45

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

Discussions:

Financial information required by Michele Vaillancourt on September and January will be submitted by Kristen.

Anticipated amount of this year's grant and its process through the legislature were discussed. The initial amount, similar to last year's will be available to local Cultural Councils this year.

We will advise our grantees of changes to the application process. It will be online with LCC's free to accept paper applications if they wish. The members present voted unanimously not to accept paper applications. This must be noted wherever the application process is advertised, e.g. local papers and the town web-site.

A new condition of the grant allocations will be the reserve of 15% for any projects initiated by local councils. No application is required.

There are new MCC regulations that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Our most immediate concern is to advise previous grantees of the changes in the application process. We planned to advise our contacts by email of the new requirements. Some phone reminders may be made to local organizations as well.

It was decided to hold our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on the 13th of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Wells