



NEEDHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

7:30 PM, January 13, 2020 | Location: Great Plain Room, Town Hall

Agenda

- Member Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Past Minutes
- Review MCC Grants
- Update for Electrical Box Project
- Set date for end of year reception and discuss location
- Other Business

Attendees

Kristen Mazzocchi, Chair, Gail Lustig, Sharon Breitbart, Monique Harrington, Elizabeth Cook, Yael Halpern, Charly Nanda, Betsy Millane, Cathy Freedberg,

Special Guest, Nancy Walton, Needham Arts Association

Scribe

Charly Nanda

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions- Betsy Millane introduced Nancy Walton representing the Needham Arts Association. She spoke about needs for membership increase, volunteerism and fiscal sponsorship. The Council highlighted our grants process and other opportunities around town including local art gallery opportunities and local agencies that can act as an umbrella organization for groups that are not non-profit. Also included was a discussion of the Newton/Needham Chamber and how it supports arts organizations.

- Approval of Past Minutes- The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.
- Review MCC Grant Applications- Decline letters were sent and time for approval letters approaching soon. Annual report will be completed next. Kristen met with Timothea Pham, our MCC contact, and discussed the potential for encouraging municipality matching and having a council that includes high school students as well. Toolkits can be found on MCC website.
- Update for Electrical Art Box Project – Process for next boxes to be discussed in depth at next meeting.
- End of Year Reception and Other Business– Kristen to check in with North Hill to see if we can have reception there during our scheduled June 15th Meeting.

Action Items: Kristen to submit grant acceptance letters and contact North Hill for reception location.

Future Meeting Dates:

Mon, Feb 10 Great Plain

Monday, March 16 Great Plain

Monday, April 13 Great Plain

Monday, May 18 Highland

Monday, June 15 Great Plain