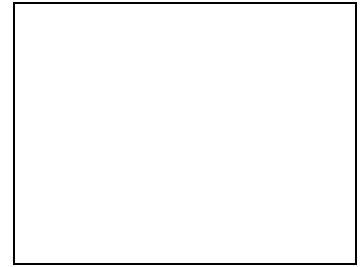




Nantucket Cultural Council Minutes



COMMITTEE: Nantucket Cultural Council Time Meeting called to Order: 4:08 pm

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025 Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:33 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Tony Wagner, Barbara Tibbetts, Sarah Ellis, Jack Bulger, and Bethany Oliver

GUESTS PRESENT via Zoom:

STAFF PRESENT: Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, Deana Weatherly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Kopko

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	VOTES / ROLL CALL
1. Welcome Council Members	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy led the welcomed members and took roll call attendance.	
2. Agenda Protocol	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy reviewed the Town's new Agenda Protocol that was shared with Council Members in April by Maureen Coleman. Motion for agenda amendment to remove executive session made by Sarah Ellis and seconded by Jack Bulger. The agenda amendment was approved.	
3. Introduction of Deana Weatherly	Deana Weatherly, Cultural Affairs and Special Events Coordinator, was introduced as the new Cultural Council liaison.	
4. Vote on Council Positions	Bethany Oliver nominated herself as the council treasurer and was seconded by Barbara Tibbetts. Bethany Oliver was elected as treasurer. Sarah Ellis nominated Babara Tibbetts for council secretary and was seconded by Jack Bulger after clarification about the scope and responsibilities of the role. Barbara Tibbetts was elected as secretary. Sarah Ellis offers to serve as co-chair of the council, Tony Wagner joins her in her offer. Tony Wagner nominated Sarah as co-chair and was seconded by Bethany Oliver. Sarah Ellis was elected as co-chair. Bethany Oliver nominated Tony Wagner as co-chair and was seconded by Sarah Ellis. Tony Wagner was elected co-chair.	
5. Approval of Minutes	November 18, 2024, minutes motion for approval made by Barabara Tibbetts and seconded by Sarah Ellis. The minutes were approved.	

6. Public Comment

No members of the public present.

7. Public Vote on Grants to be awarded to FY25 MCC Grant Recipients

Ms. Ellis alerted the council to a discrepancy between a grant recipient allocation spreadsheet shared with council members and grant amounts as voted on in the November 18, 2024 NCC meeting. The spreadsheet was updated to reflect the correct amounts from the previous meeting.

Barbara Tibbetts made a motion to approve the following grants:

- a. Artist Association of Nantucket – Senior Citizen Art Class & Exhibition for \$500
- b. Bulgarian Education Center – Bulgarian School Holiday Show Performance for \$500
- c. Linda Loring Nature Foundation – Trailside Story Walk for \$500
- d. Nantucket Boys & Girls Club – Family Fun Night for \$600
- e. Nantucket Comedy Festival Inc – Stand Up & Learn Education Program for \$500
- f. Nantucket Community Television, Inc – FABLES for \$600
- g. Nantucket Island Fair for Tie Dye & Pumpkin Painting at Nantucket Island Fair for \$500
- h. Small Friends on Nantucket, Inc. – Nanpuppets Shows for Small Friends on Nantucket for \$500
- i. The Nantucket Book Foundation – Visiting Author Program for \$500
- j. The Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association – Visiting Scientist – Harbor Monitoring Project – Data Analysis for \$500

The motion was seconded by Sarah Ellis. The grants were approved.

Bethany Oliver made a motion to award Nantucket Community Music Center \$500 for Music and Movement. The motion was seconded by Sarah Ellis. Tony Wagner abstained from the vote. The grant was approved.

Overall, the Nantucket Cultural Council received funding requests for \$34,255.00. The NCC awarded \$5700, their full allotment from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy notes that there is a need for an increased allotment from the MCC.

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy will send award letters to recipients by January 16, 2025. Miss Weatherly and Mrs. Bloise Murphy will work to finalize contracts between the Finance Department and recipients. Funds from the MCC have already been awarded to the NCC and accepted by the Select Board.

8. Follow Up Discussion on Adding More Members to the Council

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy mentioned that Ann Scott, the Executive Director of the Nantucket Atheneum, has expressed interest in joining the NCC. However, there are currently no openings on the council. This discussion revisits an earlier conversation about the possibility of formally proposing to add seats to the council.

Ms. Tibbetts pointed out that reaching quorum has been a significant concern for the council, and suggested that adding one or two more members may be necessary. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy informed the council that they have the capacity for up to 26 members and confirmed that reaching quorum had been an issue in the past. Ms. Tibbetts asked how many members are needed to achieve quorum, and Mr. Wagner confirmed that the current requirement is four members.

Mr. Wagner noted that the terms of three members will expire in June of this year. He suggested waiting until June to replace members who may be leaving the council with interested candidates, rather than adding additional seats. He expressed concern that increasing the number of members could complicate achieving quorum due to the higher quota. Ms. Tibbetts agreed with Mr. Wagner's suggestion.

Ms. Oliver inquired about the council member renewal process. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy clarified the procedures regarding term limits and re-appointments.

The council decided to maintain the current number of members and agreed to revisit the discussion on member changes in May.

9. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 4pm via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

Sarah Ellis made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Barbara Tibbetts.

Roll Call Vote

Tony Wagner - aye

Barbara Tibbetts - aye

Sarah Ellis - aye

Jack Bulger - aye

Bethany Oliver - aye

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm

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