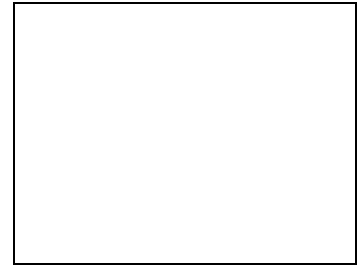




Nantucket Cultural Council Minutes



COMMITTEE: Nantucket Cultural Council Time Meeting called to Order: 4:11 pm

MEETING DATE: February 10, 2025 Time Meeting Adjourned: 4:26 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Tony Wagner, Barbara Tibbetts, Michael Kopko, Jack Bulger, and Bethany Oliver

GUESTS PRESENT via Zoom:

STAFF PRESENT: Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, Deana Weatherly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Ellis

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	VOTES / ROLL CALL
1. Welcome Council Members	Ms. Weatherly welcomed members and took roll call attendance.	
2. Agenda Protocol	Ms. Weatherly reviewed the Town's new Agenda Protocol that was shared with Council Members in April by Maureen Coleman.	
3. Public Vote on Grants to be awarded to FY25 MCC Grant Recipients	Mrs. Bloise-Murphy informed the council about a discrepancy she discovered in the grant accounting. After the grant amounts were voted on during the NCC meeting on January 13, 2025, it became apparent that there were extra funds available. \$2,459.08 remained in the account because it was not allocated during previous grant cycles. The source of these additional funds was an unused grant from the Linda Loring Nature Foundation, along with an unidentified source. As a result of this newly discovered money, the total grant pool increased to \$8,159.08. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy awarded a grant of \$1,840.92 from the Nantucket Cultural District to provide additional funding to the Nantucket Cultural Council, bringing the total grant pool to \$10,000. She proposed increasing the allocations to the awarded foundations to deplete the grant account. Michael Kopko made a motion to approve the following grant allocations as presented by Mrs. Bloise-Murphy: a. Artist Association of Nantucket – Senior Citizen Art Class & Exhibition for \$1220.00 b. Bulgarian Education Center – Bulgarian School Holiday Show Performance for \$1220.00 c. Linda Loring Nature Foundation – Trailside Story Walk for \$1220.00 d. Nantucket Boys & Girls Club – Family Fun Night for \$600 e. Nantucket Comedy Festival Inc – Stand Up & Learn Education Program for \$1220.00 f. Nantucket Community Music Center – Early Childhood Music & Movement for \$1220.00	

- g. Nantucket Community Television, Inc – FABLES for \$600
- h. Nantucket Island Fair for Tie Dye & Pumpkin Painting at Nantucket Island Fair for \$500
- i. Small Friends on Nantucket, Inc. – Nanpuppets Shows for Small Friends on Nantucket for \$700
- j. The Nantucket Book Foundation – Visiting Author Program for \$500
- k. The Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association – Visiting Scientist – Harbor Monitoring Project – Data Analysis for \$1000

The motion was seconded by Jack Bulger. The grants were approved by roll call vote – Tony Wagner abstained from voting.

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy has been in contact with a liaison from the Massachusetts Cultural Council who is aware of the proposal. Mrs. Bloise-Murphy will work on amending the October NCC report, completing the January NCC report, and sending the award letters to the town’s contract coordinator. Recipients will receive award letters directly from the contract coordinator.

4. Approval of Minutes

January 13, 2025, minutes motion for approval made by Tony Wagner and seconded by Barbara Tibbetts. The minutes were approved by roll call vote – Michael Kopko abstained from voting.

5. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

6. Other Business – Follow-Up Discussion on Adding More Members to the Council

Mrs. Bloise-Murphy announced that Ava Rollins had decided to step down from the council. She encourages the public to apply for the open council position. Additionally, Mrs. Bloise-Murphy plans to reach out to Ann Scott from the Nantucket Atheneum, following previous recommendations from the council. Tony Wagner has offered to connect Mrs. Bloise-Murphy with Kendall Graham from the Inquirer and Mirror, as she has expressed interest in joining the council.

7. Adjournment

Michael Kopko made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bethany Oliver.

Roll Call Vote

Bethany Oliver – aye
Jack Bulger - aye
Barbara Tibbetts - aye
Michael Kopko - aye
Tony Wagner - aye

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm

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