

Harwich Cultural Council- Minutes- Sept 8, 2022- Held at Harwich Cultural Center

Present- Bernadette Waystack, Chair; Chris Banks, Treasurer; Dinah Lane, Clerk; Vicki Goldsmith, Jackie Leach, Mary Anderson, Selectmen's Rep.

Absent- Sharon Moore, Grants Coordinator; Nina Schuessler

Call to Order- Bernadette called meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Public Comments- Bernadette introduced Kara Mewhinney, Director of Cultural Affairs, who spoke about the rebranding of the Cultural Center building. It is now designated as a "mixed use building" to be known as "The 204", for it's address on 204 Sisson Road. She noted that there are 40 + artists, etc. currently renting space in the building with 30 on the waitlist. She is encouraging artists to come in for the Holiday Open House. She also reported that the 204 will be in the center of the Cultural Districts when the process for that is completed. The first site visit is planned for September 30. There will be two Cultural Districts with the designation expected by January or April 2023. She is currently seeking grant money from the MCC and CPA, etc, for projects or physical improvements. A Cultural District designation should make it easier to obtain grants.

Chair's Report-

- Bernadette announced the 2023 grant cycle has begun and applications are online. Due date is October 17, 2022. She will post on social media and the website.
- Dinah will contact Bernadette for doing an interview on Channel 18 about the application process.
- Recruitment is needed for new members of the Council. There are 2 spots available. Applicants need to fill out an online form to express interest. Jackie has someone in mind to propose about applying. She will contact them.

Minutes- Minutes of April 2022 approved. There was no May meeting for lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report- (previously sent, with notes from meeting)

Harwich Cultural Council Treasurer's Report 9/8/22

#1501 Grant Account	\$8,770.79
#1730 Gift Account	\$ 3,266.07. or \$ 3,492.00 (revised fund balance)

Total	\$12,036.86	\$12,262.79
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Town \$ 3,600.00 (in account)
State \$ 5,600.00 (to be received)

Town Accountant, Ann Marie Ellis, and Chris have to meet and fill out the MCC Financial records- deadline is Oct. 17th. Mary Anderson will assist by contacting the Accountant.

Chris noted also that there are 8 projects yet to be completed and funded from the 2022 cycle, but that the requirement for signatures on checks has changed to needing only one.

Old Business

- Grant Reception in June was successful with good planning and coordination by HCC group and great interaction between awardees at the event.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming meetings are as follows: 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8. The October and November meetings can be to view and discuss completed applications as received, and the December meeting will be for making decisions on grants.
- Briefly discussed HCC priorities and guidelines and determined that they have not substantially changed from last year. Will table further discussion until March 2023 meeting.
- Bernadette will forward the link for the Smart/ Simple system to Vicki and Jackie in order for them to update their profiles.
- If anyone has agenda items for the October 13 meeting they should forward to Bernadette by October 5.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 PM.