

HARWICH CULTURAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Tina Games

Members present: Tina Games, Joan Sacchetti, Rose Ann Clark, Shay Mitchell, Rosann Donahue, Debbie Ferry, Rosanne Shapiro (*absent – Lorraine Bossi*)

Announcements: Rosanne Shapiro shared several examples of previous fundraising projects with an arts and cultural bent. This led to a wonderful discussion of possibilities for the Harwich Cultural Council.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with Rose Ann Clark moving to accept and Shay Mitchell seconding the motion.

Financial Report: The current financial report was presented by Treasurer Joan Sacchetti - and was reviewed and approved. Debbie Ferry motioned to accept and Shay Mitchell seconded. This was followed by a discussion of funds available for the 2018 grant cycle. Joan Sacchetti made a motion to approve \$10,000 in grant money, with Debbie Ferry seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business: Chairperson Tina Games reminded Council members of the timeline for the grant application review and selection process. She also noted that the Council still had one vacancy.

New Business: Chairperson Tina Games shared that she would be presenting the annual report to the Board of Selectman on October 30, 2017. She also noted that the cultural needs assessment survey would be done in the fall of 2018. There was also a discussion about the Cultural Compact Pilot Program, being facilitated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. An official letter would be going to the Board of Selectman with a formal invitation to join the program. Harwich is one of seven communities in the Commonwealth chosen to participate in the program.

Other Items: The Council discussed a collaborative effort to support the Harwich Cultural Center and voted unanimously to endorse the initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

*** Minutes submitted by: Tina Games, Chair (*on behalf of Secretary Lorraine Bossi*)**