



Northborough Cultural Council

63 Main Street / Town Hall
Northborough, MA 01532

Northborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 - Time: 6:08pm to 7:50pm

Place: Northborough Town Hall Conference Room B

In Attendance: Terry Underwood, Suzanne Cox, Craig Cox, Jeanine Vitale, Jen Tolman, Hannah Chen

Absent: Lori Tiron-Pandit,

Guest: Julianne Hirsh, Art Giacomarra, Bich-Ngan Nguyen

MINUTES:

1. Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2023

- Meeting called to order by Terry at 6:08pm
- Motion to accept minutes of 06.28.2023: Jeanine Vitale; Seconded: Suzanne Cox; Approval: All

2. Set next committee meeting date

- Next meeting set for Monday, August 24, 2023.
- Discussed the grant cycle milestones and MCC required deliverables as related to grant cycle and how it related to upcoming meetings.

3. Northborough Arts Council presentation & discussion

- Terry introduced Bich as a former NCC member.
- Bich gave presentation on upcoming formation of Northborough Arts Council as a 'friends of non-profit supporting the Cultural Council with primary focus on raising funds for NCC run projects such as Public Art efforts.
- Presentation was well received and questions from council members addressed.
- Discussion about how Cultural Districts could be woven into the Arts Council and Cultural Councils .
- Discussions about economic development as related to actual implementations and what is possible with non-profit Arts Council and a possible Cultural District in Northborough.

4. NCC Public Art Campaign update

- Reviewed current Public Arts projects and estimated costs for each effort.
- Discussion about funding options for reviewed efforts.
- Had overall discussions about yearly planning for projects and what we want to do in 2024.
- Agreed to having meeting in fall timeframe to plan out 2024 activities in detail.

5. Council roles cross training / shadowing

- Discussed needing to have 'co' people for each NCC role and value of multiple members helping with each role.

- Discussions about member transition timeframes and need for additional participation in each role and the overall value of sharing workloads.
6. 2023 grant cycle overview & 2022 lessons learned
 - See above
 7. Other business before committee
 - Jen led discussion about Cultural District and general updates for what she is working on and planning to work on going forward.
- Motion to adjourn meeting: Suzanne Cox; Seconded: Craig Cox; approval: All. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.