

SHELBURNE CULTURAL COUNCIL
MINUTES; AUGUST 27, 2020

The Shelburne MA Local Cultural Council met via Zoom on August 27, 2020.

Attending virtually were:

Council Members Present: Connie Clarke, Honor (Sally) Judd, Nancy Eisenstein, Kate Whittaker and Kay Berenson

Council Member Absent: Diane Poland

Invited Guests (Potential Council Members) Present: Eben Sorokin, Samantha Feury, Yana Cortlund Feasy, Owen Bragdon and Ryan Pirtle-McVeigh

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by chair Connie Clarke.

Council members and invited guests introduced themselves, describing their professional work and other experience and their work on or interest in the council. Connie Clarke and other council members gave brief statements about the current work of the council, including specifics about how operations are handled and time and other requirements of serving on the council, along with information about open meetings and conflict of interest laws. Members also discussed some possible ways the council might expand its mission in the future and answered questions from guests.

Following the introductory discuss and question and answer period, guests/potential members were invited to leave the session and members of the council discussed and decided to invite all guests/ potential members who were present to become members of the council. Members will contact them to determine whether they are willing to serve and, if so, begin the appointment process by recommending their names to the Select Board.

In other business, the council approved the minutes of the February meeting and reviewed reimbursement status of grants for the current year. Connie Clarke reminded members of the need to review next year's council priorities and mission statement as well as plans for public outreach this fall in light of the COVID restrictions. Those items will be decided at the next meeting. She also noted that the deadline for applications for the next grant cycle has been postponed by a month, until November because of delays in the state budget process.

Council members voted to grant a request from a grant recipient, Racial Justice Rising, to use the allotted funds for a film event in partnership with another organization because COVID restrictions made the originally planned event impossible.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday Sept. 17 at 7 p.m., again via ZOOM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes by Kay Berenson, Secretary