

Shelburne Cultural Council

Minutes: October 8, 2020

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Connie Clarke

Attending: Connie Clarke, Nancy Eisenstein, Kate Whittaker, Owen Bragdon, Eben Sorkin, Yana Cortlund Feasey, Jacqui Goodman.

Absent: Diane Poland, Honor (Sally) Judd, Kay Berenson, Sam Feury - all due to storm-related power outage.

Minutes of the last Zoom meeting, Sept. 17, were read and approved.

Connie presented the administrative report, noting that she and Nancy had sent letters to applicants who have not yet responded to our request for an update of completion of their projects. A response in writing was requested by October 10. Connie and Nancy will report to the full Council by email after hearing from all 2020 grantees.

Connie also reported that she received the FY21 year-end financial report from the Town controller and is working on the annual report to the MCC which will be submitted prior to Nov 16, as required. It will include the amount of the town's 2020 allocation that needs to be held over for grants that have been granted extensions. She noted that to date there is one cancellation, which frees up the amount of that 2020 award for 2021.

A discussion ensued regarding the State's uncertain financial budget and how it will affect MCC's budget. Ricky Guillaume's latest email to Connie cautions LCCs not to expect town allocations by November 16, when the application season closes.

A press release will be prepared and submitted to local media reminding the public of the application grant period and Nov 16 deadline, as well as announcing our new members.

It was noted that our new member appointments are now approved by the Selectboard. Their term dates are in sync between the Town of Shelburne's website and the MCC's. New members were reminded to take the required Mass Gov Conflict of Interest training if they had not yet done so. Continuing members were reminded to keep their training up to date.

Eben Sorkin presented his SCC logo designs and members responded favorably with suggestions. The creation of a SCC website, separate from our town-based website, was enthusiastic. Due to members' busy schedules and the complexities of web design, it was agreed that further discussions resume in January 2021, after the grant session is complete.

A date for the next meeting date was not set. For the time being all follow-up can be accomplished by email.

Council's business meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kate Whittaker, substituting for Kay Berenson, Secretary