

SHELBURNE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Minutes April 27, 2022

April 27, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Co-Chair Owen Bragdon. This public meeting was held via Zoom.

Members present: Owen Bragdon, Co-Chair, Jennifer Bauman, Treasurer, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, Linn Bower, Jacqui Goodman, Eben Sorkin, Barbara Watts.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the March 22 meeting.

1. Jennifer and Jacqui updated us on their meeting with Dara LaPlante, town accountant associated with FRCOG and Treasurer and Tax Collector, Angelina J. Bragdon, to obtain approval for going forward with Direct Grant funding. Kate forwarded Dara's confirmation correspondence to Ricky Guillaume at MCC; they will post onto their website within the next 2 months. Our Direct Grant funding pilot program is all set for the fiscal year 2023.
2. Notices informing the public of this funding method change will be posted to the town SCC webpage, our Facebook page, the town newsletter and the Recorder beginning in early July.
3. The council discussed how we might devise and conduct our community input. Barbara Watts agreed to spearhead this project. We shall begin with a survey to middle and high school students as well as residents; Owen will contact Andrea Griswold and research protocols for this process. Jacqui will contact Conway and Ashfield LCC's who have successfully completed surveys to learn about specific survey questions.
4. Eben revisited his in-depth research into how we might all share the SCC gmail account. And it was decided we will not move forward with pursuing the appealing option of a domain name plus website at this time.
5. Kate reviewed and updated the Council on a letter sent March 30th, via Terry Narkewicz, to the Shelburne Selectboard requesting ARPA funds (draft request: \$5000 for one year or \$10,000 for one or two years) that would allow the Council to conduct an application program separate from our MCC grant to aid Shelburne-based organizations who have been negatively impacted by Covid. Terry wrote that the Selectboard might meet with the Council to discuss this further once they have had an opportunity to consider all requests. No response from town officials to date.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM. Next public meeting is scheduled for May 10, at 6:30 PM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Linn Bower

