Shelburne Cultural Council - Meeting Minutes Tuesday September 27, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Jennifer Bauman.

Attending: Jennifer Bauman, Treasurer, Linn Bower, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, Jacqui Goodman, Maureen 'Mo' Moore (new member). Owen Bragdon, Co-Chair, was detained and arrived at 7:40 pm. **Absent:** Barbara Watts.

A warm welcome was extended to Mo Moore who has recently joined our Council.

Minutes of the meetings of August 9 and 30 were approved unanimously (Mo abstained).

Update: Financial report by Jennifer for fiscal year July 2021 to June 30, 2022 will be submitted to the town treasurer tomorrow and will be presented at the next Council meeting. It is noted that funds carried over into our 2022 budget for distribution due to previous projects not completed.

Update: The Council reviewed Abigail Clark's formally requested extension for her 2022 grant on Somatics allowing her to complete her program sometime in 2023—specific date to be determined. Her new plan is to have one powerpoint Zoom program based on a book she plans to publish on her subject, with time allotted for audience Q&A participation. Approval for the extension was granted with the understanding that her goal remains the same, that the spirit of the original project will remain intact and that the book will add to it, not replace it entirely, and that the session remains participatory in nature. A vote was taken with Jennifer, Linn and Mo voting to approve the extension; Jacqui voting no. A letter of approval with the above stated condition will be sent to Ms. Clark tomorrow.

New Business: Discussion of a possible SCC project that would entail a pilot program that would provide area students a place to showcase their cultural creations. The idea is to give the students a presence and voice and opportunity for them to directly engage with the community—and the community with them. Many excellent questions were raised and a subcommittee was formed to pursue answers that will be presented at our next meeting. Owen, Mo and Kate agreed to join this subcommittee. To begin, they will reach out to Rachel Silverman, the art teacher at Mohawk Regional School, to see if she/they would be interested in this project. Kate will contact Ricky at MCC regarding a question concerning our project grant allocation expenditure process.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linn Bower, Kate Whittaker, Secretary, assisting.