

**HUBBARDSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 8, 2023**

**MEETING BEGAN AT: 6:40PM**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:09 PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE :** Sara Lyon, Chairperson

Lori Engle, Treasurer

Laura Foley, Member

Bill Shea, Member

Jonathan Brinker, Member

Bob Cronin, Alternate

Donna Shea, Secretary

**Not in Attendance:** Melissa Kaul, Member

**START OF THE MEETING:** Sara, our Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and thanked all for attending. Meeting was taped for local cable access channel.

Sara introduced and welcomed new member Bob Cronin and asked him to tell us a little about himself. He said he was a professor retired from MWCC and thought his background would be a good fit for the Council as he is very interested in cultural happenings.

We then reviewed and accepted the minutes of our last meeting which will be forwarded to the Town Clerk, Candace Livingston, for posting and filing in the Town Hall files.

**AGENDA:** 1. Call to order

2. Review old business.

3. Grantee updates
4. Survey review
5. Changes in our Council as of June 30, 2023
6. Adjourn

**OPEN ISSUES:** Sara explained what our mission is for the benefit of our newest member and how we go about making final decisions on grant applications. We then discussed the need to recruit new members because as of June 30, 2023, there will be four members whose terms will be up. Included are Sara, Lori, Donna as well as Bill. Melissa was appointed to fill a one year term and her term too will end on June 30, 2023, but we understand that she will be reappointed for a three year term.

Jonathan added that he will reach out to Center School with printed flyers for the students to take home regarding the need for new members on the Council. We decided not to recruit at the Hubbardston Fair.

Sara updated the Council information on the Town web site.

Lori brought us up to date on the financial report and will update our Town Administer, Nathan Boudreau. There were three reimbursements for completed events. Also, all reimbursements are now up to date and completed through 2022.

We discussed the value of the Veteran's flag building program as only one veteran from Hubbardston attended; we granted \$464 to the program. Feedback for Kelly's Music and More was very positive, the Pastel Drawing event is upcoming and Denis Cormier is awaiting a date at the Senior Center for his performance.

Sara reviewed the results of our survey noting that the results were very similar to those of our last survey which was done in 2018. We also discussed different avenues to advertise upcoming events including highlights on Facebook as well as on the new electronic signboard.

Next meeting was tentatively planned for June 20 at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:** Donna Shea, Secretary HCC