

Date: November 6, 2023
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Sage Center 381 Main Street

West Newbury Cultural Council

Members present: Cynthia Coburn, Marie Pierce, Carly Ramos, Brian Kiteley, Mia Thurlow, Kimberly Scott, Zip Corning, Ursula Dash Smith, Jill Eichhorst

Absent: Yetti Frenkel

Guests: Max Close, Assistant Town Clerk and Guelmi Espinal from the Mass Cultural Council

The meeting opened with brief introductions.

Guelmi Espinal from the Mass Cultural Council was available via chat if any questions arose pertaining to The Mass Cultural Council or funding.

Chair Election:

Cynthia Coburn nominated Brian Kiteley for Chairperson; Carly Ramos seconded. Brian Kiteley accepted the nomination. No discussion. Vote in favor – unanimous.

Review Applications:

The applicant packets were available for review. The WN Cultural Council felt that due to the high number and total amount of funding available the Council would work to prioritize applicants. This process should help to assist in the discussion/voting process at the next meeting. Grouping the applicants by highest priority, to least likely to receive funding from the West Newbury Cultural Council. The least likely candidates:

- Did not meet the requirement of the Mass Cultural Council's objectives.
- Information was not clear to be a viable candidate for consideration.
- If other financing or grant available to the applicant.

The list ranking applicants will be available for the next meeting.

Vote: Marie Pierce motioned to approve the minutes of Sept 25, 2023. Mia Thurlow seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Vote in favor - unanimous. The minutes of September 25, 2023, were approved.

Vote: Carly Ramos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Coburn seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote in favor – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The date of November 27, 2023, 7:30 PM at the Sage Center will be the next meeting.

Upcoming Business

Vote on applicants receiving funding for this cycle.

Important Dates:

January 1, 2024, all applicants must be notified if funding is denied.

January 31, 2024, all applicants who are being funded must be notified.

Minutes submitted
Jill Elchhorst