



RECEIVED

By KWilber/Assistant Town Clerk at 2:56 pm, Mar 27, 2024

Northborough Cultural Council Minutes : APPROVED

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Place: Northborough Town Hall – Conference Room B

Attendees: Art Giacomarra, Jennifer Tolman, Hannah Chen, Terry Underwood, Lori Tiron-Pandit, Suzanne Cox.

Guest: Anna Katenberger.

Minutes:

Call to order: 6:09pm

1. Approval of Minutes: 2-8-2024

Motion: Terry Underwood. 1st: Lori Tiron- Pandit. 2nd: Suzanne Cox.

2. NCC Logos.

Suggestions were made for changes. Vote was a tie. Decision to revisit at a later date and use the words Northborough Cultural Council in black letters with a white background for the time being.

3. Public art programming list: Updates.

- a. Adirondack chairs have been located and will be retrieved by Jen and Terry. Need to find artists and method to apply paint. May 18 is the proposed date of the painted chair reveal to the public, along with Open Studios.
- b. Master Plan Implementation Committee - Terry spoke to this group to promote events and projects. Group was very interested in how MPIC and NCC could collaborate on Blake Street project. Question on funding availability. It was suggested to request ARPA funding to put some public art plans into motion.
- c. Electrical boxes - Per Suzanne there are 5 boxes. Terry will locate them. Suzanne will provide contacts she researched to Terry to follow up with for permission to paint. Stipends for the artists to paint is the plan.

4. Porchfest and Open Studios. Update. Jen and Lori have been working on promotional material and contacting artists and potential venues.

5. MCC grant - discussion of branding Doors, Porchfest & Open Studios.

Promotional flyer includes all three, with separate ones available also. Social media promotion to start right away. Updates to happen as details are developed.

6. Treasurer /Finance update - Art.

Art met with Jason Little, Northborough Finance Director and Lisa Troast, Northborough Treasurer, to discuss the NCC accounts and any details. Grant money from the state of Mass/ Massachusetts Cultural Council had not yet arrived in the Northborough accounts, but is expected soon.

7. Go Outdoors - update.

Suzanne has updated the contracts and will be putting out the call to artists. Hannah is partnered with Suzanne to assist and learn the steps / process of this event. Call to artists is 2/22 - 3/15. Go OutDoors exhibit opening at Ellsworth McAfee Park will be 4/20. Exhibit will end 6/15.

8. NCC - Zoom meeting with MasterPlan Implementation Committee - Terry

Noted above with Public Art, as a way to move projects forward in collaboration with MPIC.

9. Next meeting date is 3/20 @ 6pm.

10. Any other business before the board. None at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: Terry

1st: Suzanne Cox. 2nd: Hannah Chen.

Adjourn: 8:08pm.