



Northborough Cultural Council

63 Main Street / Town Hall
Northborough, MA 01532

Northborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 - Time: 6:010pm to 8:05pm

Place: Northborough Town Hall Conference Room B

In Attendance: Terry Underwood, Suzanne Cox, Craig Cox, Jen Tolman, Hannah Chen, Lori Tiron-Pandit

Absent: none

Guest: Art Giacomarra

AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes
 - Approval of 09-27-2023 minutes postponed until next meeting.
2. Set next meeting date
 - Terry to send out possible dates to team for the week of October 23rd.
3. NCC Annual Planning Process
 - Craig began planning session with a review of our financials and our different accounting buckets. There was questions and discussion about our carry over monies and how they were handled in the different buckets. Craig motioned that we accept the MCC \$1,620 allocation for our own project planning as well as allotted admin cost, Suzanne seconded. There was discussion on the pros and cons of doing this before the vote. All members present voted to approve.
 - a. Review submitted project/programs and field questions
 - Craig presented his submitted project for a redefined CultureFest as a collaboration with Lori Diamond with each sub activity to be added only as different members are willing to lead/staff.
 - Jen added on to the CultureFest topic with discussion on redefining CF to be a collaboration with ARHS and their current International Night and Culture Festival events. Discussion around the two ARHS events and understanding if ELL department would want to join forces.
 - Suzanne presented the following projects for consideration: Painting Electrical Boxes, Free Standing Mural, Go Out Doors 2024, and the LOVE Northborough Sculpture. There were question and discussion around each project and with some suggestions for changes. Suzanne will update project presented based on feedback and mail out.
 - Suzanne presented one project, Painted Adirondack Chairs, for Julianne Hirsh who was unable to attend meeting.

- Jen presented the following projects for consideration: PorchFest, Open Studios, IHeartNboroPhotos, Night Owl Quiet Walk/Hike, HUGS (garments for those in need) as a possible collaboration with Sr Center or Food Pantry, and Flower Boxes Downtown.
 - Hannah presented Apples Around Northborough similar to the Foxes in Foxboro or the Cows in Boston.
- b) Rank projects/programs in order of preference
- Craig took action item to create spreadsheet of all submitted projects for consideration and a new meeting would be scheduled to continue the project ranking and decision making. The remainder deferred to next meeting.
- c) Vote on project/programs to allocate people/funds for 2024
- Deferred to next meeting.
- d) Vote on projects/programs to request NAC allocate people/funds for 2024
- Deferred to next meeting.
4. Any other business before the board
- None at this time.
- Hannah motioned to adjourn meeting, Suzanne seconded, approval all. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.