

Town of Southborough
Southborough Cultural Arts Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023
Public Safety Building Training Room at 32 Cordaville Road, Southborough MA 01772

Committee members in attendance: J. Hansen, S. Achilles, E. Kesselman
Committee members absent: C. Weber

J. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

J. Hansen explained that the new council will have to take a vote and sign a new authorization form, to disperse grant funds.

S. Achilles made a motion to approve authorization for C. Weber, S. Achilles, E. Kesselman and J. Hansen to sign for disbursement of grant funds on behalf of the SCAC. Seconded by E. Kesselman. Vote 3-0, Unanimously approved.

J. Hansen shared that now the council needed to sign all of the grantees forms for disbursement. Once signed, J. Hansen would return them to the Town Accountant for payment.

J. Hansen invited M. Weishan to join the discussion, as he brought forward a last minute agenda item that was time sensitive. The Historical Society is applying for an MCC grant as part of the investment they are making at the Fayvill Hall building and wanted to inquire to see if the SCAC would write a letter of support. M. Weishan shared blueprints and discussed the plans to renovate the building and create a 'makers space' in the basement that would work well for classes and workshops. He discussed the top floor and the flexible space for performances or exhibits.

E. Kesselman made a motion requesting that the chair, J. Hansen, write a letter in support of the Historical Society's grant application on behalf of the SCAC. Seconded by S. Achilles. Vote 3-0, unanimously approved.

Commission began discussion of the grant reception. Targeting Tues, Feb 21st at 6pm if a location can be secured. S. Achilles will see if the Community House is available then. E. Kesselman will reach out to our state rep, K. Donoghue to see if they are willing to do the awards/accommodations like C. Dykema's office had done in the past. Once S. Achilles has a location and date he will let the council know and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the logistics.

S. Achilles made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 7, 2022. Seconded by E. Kesselman. Vote 3-0, unanimously approved.

J. Hansen informed the council that every few years they are required by the MCC to conduct a survey to solicit input from the community and use that to guide the grant decisioning process. S. Steivers, guest, suggested that the Municipal Technology Committee had access to software that could be used and that V. Hale, town offices, would be able to assist in sharing to get better response.

S. Achilles was going to reach out to town to get some old links removed off the SCAC town page, and inquire about zoom meeting technology since J. Hansen has been repeatedly locked out.

S. Stivers, BOS guest, shared that he'd like to invite SCAC to update BOS on the council and would support a small budget for FY25 if we had a plan. Council discussed and decided that a presentation to BOS next September would be the best timing, to gain publicity about the new grant cycle, look for new members and potentially have a plan for what a small budget could do to bring more arts to Southborough.

J. Hansen made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. Second by E. Kesselman. Vote 3-0, unanimously approved.

Submitted by: Jen Hansen, SCAC Chair, jhansen@southboroughma.com