

Northbridge Cultural Council

Minutes Approved on
February 8, 2021

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021 (ZOOM)

Committee Members Present: Ashley Jahrling Bannon, Patricia Corkum, Yurima Guilarte-Walker (Chairperson), Mary Contino, Christine Johnson, Kathleen Rheaume

Committee Members Absent: None

Attendees: None

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Ms. Guilarte-Walker.

Item 1

Approval of minutes.

Motion made by *Christine Johnson "To approve the minutes January 25, 2021 as submitted", seconded by Mary Contino. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.*

Item 2

Ms. Guilarte-Walker provided an update as to the status of the FY20 of the modification for extensions and a shared that a communication was sent to each of the grantees who received funding in FY20 and received an approval for an extension. The grant allows for an extension when a grant was unable to be completed in the funding year. Ms. Guilarte-Walker indicated that all notified grantees expressed appreciation for the consideration and modification.

Item 3

Ms. Guilarte-Walker reviewed the process by which encumbered grantee funds would carry forward to the next fiscal grant cycle. A request for approval of these funds was made to the Town of Northbridge and the Council is awaiting approval by the Town Accountant. The Mass Cultural Council Annual Report is due March 1, 2021.

Item 4

The members reviewed the spreadsheet of twenty new grant applications for funding in FY21. Each member was assigned three to four grants to review and present a summary at this meeting. Presentations were made by Ms. Corkum, Ms. Bannon, and Ms. Contino. Each grant proposal received either a tentative recommendation for approval based on funding or a pending status if follow-up information was needed to consider approval. Ten remaining grant applications would be reviewed at the Council's next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:35 by Christine Johnson, seconded by Kathleen Rheaume. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6 PM.
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Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Johnson, Secretary

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