

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wareham Cultural Council

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2023

Time of Meeting: 4:00 PM

Place of Meeting: Wareham, MA Town Hall, room 24

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:11 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wendy Brogioli
Jamie Wiksten
Christy LaGue
Jackson Gillman
Amariet Karahalis
Wendy St. Julien

Guests: Judith Whiteside
Tricia Wurts

Wiksten moved to elect Clerk Brogioli pro tem chair. Karahalis seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Brogioli moved to elect member LaGue pro tem clerk. Karahalis seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brogioli presented the minutes from November 30, 2022 with these proposed corrections. 1) Leslie Edwards Davis as Chair of the meeting, 2) change all the approved vote counts to 7-0-0, 3) under d. FY23 Grant Voting change xxxii vote to 5-0-0

MOTION: Wiksten moved to accept the minutes with corrections. LaGue seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Under old business Wiksten presented a handout showing that all FY 22 grants had completed and the requested funding submitted to the Wareham Town Accountant.

b. Under new business a discussion was held re FY23 funding. The WCC approved \$16659 in grants at the November 30, 2022 meeting. The MCC informed the Council the total granted to WCC was \$19179. The additional \$2520 may now be granted to applicants in the following ways: 1) Monies may be added to the total requested from approved grants as written 2) Ask the approved grantees if they would like to increase their request 3) Set aside 5%, \$625.00, of the total FY23 for a Council reception. Brogioli motioned to fully grant Gateway Improv at \$641.00. Wiksten seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Wiksten motioned to fully grant Go, Go, Go! New Bedford Festival Theater's Summer at \$500.00 Brogioli seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Karahalis motioned to fully approve Wearing Wareham - A 1776 Colonial Fashion and History at \$1500.00. St Julien seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

St Julien motioned to reserve 5% of the FY 23 monies for a Wareham Cultural Council event such as a reception at \$625. Wiksten seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Discussion was held to decide upon dispersing the remaining funds. Decisions were made to contact the following approved grants and ask if an increase in the requested amount be applied.

Lague motioned to offer \$145.00 to Unleash the PAWsibilities Area Youth Creative Arts Contests. Karahalis seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Wiksten motioned to offer \$500.00 to the Library Summer Reading Program. Lague seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

Brogioli motioned to offer \$534 to the Chalk-Full-)-Fun Festival. Wiksten seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Under other business Wiksten reported on her meeting with the Wareham town accountant. All of the FY22 grants have been submitted and funding requested. Guest Wurts inquired about the LCC local fund that is on our financial report.

Wiksten reported the accounting and history for that fund has been discussed with town accountants and others. To date there is no explanation of the origin. Wurts asked for an explanation of the grant approval process. Guest Whiteside recommended the Council submit to the Select Board a maximum number of members. In light of that discussion Brogioli reported on the process and progress for Marcus Gomes' membership application.

5. ADJOURNMENT: 5:13PM

Brogioli moved to adjourn. LaGue seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (unanimous)

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED AT THE MEETING

1. January 10, 2023 Agenda
2. Spread sheet FY '23 Applications
3. Spread sheet FY'22 Awarded Grants
4. November 30, 2022 Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Christy LaGue

Christy LaGue, Clerk Pro tem

Date Signed 2/03/2023

Date sent to Town Clerk 2/03/2023