

## Wareham Cultural Council

### Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4 PM, Room 27, Town Hall

All Members were Present: Wendy Brogioli, Mary E. Cormier, Kathleen Gleason, Mary Nyman, Ellen Ugi. Mr. Fred Thornton of the Mayflower Camerata also attended.

1. Members discussed the grant applications in general, and reviewed the objective of granting funds to benefit the town of Wareham.
2. Mr. Fred Thornton represented the application for the Mayflower Camerata. He spoke of the history of the group, and described some of the many processes involved in order to continue operating the group. He entertained general questions about the program. Following his explanations, he left the meeting.
3. It was recognized that, this year, no members had conflict of interest with any of the applications.
4. A discussion was initiated on the maximum dollar amount to be given for grants. The discussion continued throughout the voting process, as all members acknowledged that many applications were worthy and so the distribution of money should involve the maximum possible number of projects. The final conclusion was to grant a maximum of \$750 per project, or a lesser amount if that was requested.
5. Each of the 24 applications was given a priority value by each Council member. The votes were then averaged, for a single priority value. Twelve applications were approved for grants by this priority procedure.
6. Council members were reminded that "Disapproval" Letters would be sent out as soon as possible to those who would not receive grants. There would then be a 15-day period to determine if any party contested the "disapproval". After that period, the grant recipients would be notified.
7. Ellen Ugi reported that she had spent \$46.39 out of the \$200 allotted for Administrative Funds in the year 2017. Members voted unanimously to allocate \$150 for the 2018 budget, and to approve of immediate reimbursement of \$47.79 out of that allotment.
8. Council members were reminded that two members (Mary Nyman and Ellen Ugi) would have served the maximum 6 years as of June 30, 2018. New members would have to be recruited in order to keep at least five members on the Council, and the outgoing chairperson would have to be replaced. New members are always welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Ugi, Chairperson Wareham Cultural Council

