

Amherst Cultural Council  
Minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2018  
Amherst Room, Jones Library

Agenda

- Members' Terms
- Discussion of Priorities for 2019 Grants
- Report on Amherst Center Cultural District Priorities
- Date of September public information meeting

Present: Andrea Battle, Jenny Lind, Sondra Radosh, Gigi Barnhill, Robin Thompson, Gina Chaplain, Cyndi Harbeson

Absent: Martha Toro

Members' terms: The terms of Andrea Battle, Treasurer, Sondra Radosh, and Gigi Barnhill, co-chair, end in 2018. Because of the consensus within Town government that the new Council that begins in December should make decisions about terms of boards and committees, the terms of these three members are in question. Subsequent to this meeting, it has become clear that these terms will be extended until the new Council acts on them, probably early in 2019.

2019 Priorities: The ACC continues to look for more opportunities for visual artists locally. The ACC recognizes that there are limitations in Amherst on performance spaces. The Pacific Lodge was mentioned. It has space and a small but useful stage, but no lights. Sondra has reported that renting and setting lights can cost over \$3,000.

ACCD Priorities: One of the major purposes of the Amherst Center Cultural District is to encourage visitors to engage with cultural organizations and businesses in the Amherst business district. At one of the ACCD meetings, there was an expression of disbelief that the ACC would fund activities in neighboring communities. Of last year's appropriation, all but \$2,900 was disbursed to Amherst residents or activities occurring in the town.

Date of September meeting: The public information meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 11, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Amherst Room. Gigi will write a press release and publicize it through local media including Valley Arts Newsletter, the Bulletin, MassLive.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Barnhill