

Amherst Cultural Council

Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2016

Agenda:

Public Information Meeting

Disposal of ACC records stored at the Jones Library

Approval of Minutes for the July 19, 2016, and August 15, 2016, meetings

Schedule of meetings for the fall

Call to order: Ellen Kosmer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Amherst Room of the Jones Library.

Council members in attendance: Ellen Kosmer and Honoré David, co-chairs; Georgia Barnhill, secretary; Carl Erikson, Sondra Radosh, Martha Toro, and Mia Cabana. Andrea Battle, treasurer; Lynda Faye, and Jennifer Lind were not able to attend.

Public Information Meeting

The first part of the meeting was devoted to discussing the application procedure and guidelines with members of the public. Those who attended included Amy Crawley, Derek Krevat, Therese Donohue, Chris Brashear, Pat Freedman, and Cathleen Traphagen.

Ellen Kosmer noted that the funding is at the same level as last year: \$23,500. In 2015 there were about 80 applications, 72 of which received some funding. She explained to those at the meeting that the Amherst Cultural Council prefers to distribute the funding broadly across the community. She referred people to the new guidelines for the Amherst Cultural Council that are posted on the Amherst section of the Massachusetts Cultural Council website as well as to the state guidelines. There were multiple questions about the new electronic application process as well as school programs. The public portion of the meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.

Retention of Records

Ellen Kosmer will contact the Massachusetts Cultural Council to determine what records the ACC needs to retain and for how long. She will follow up with Library Director Sharon Sharry so that unnecessary papers can be recycled.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 19 and August 15 meetings were approved.

Meetings for Discussion of Proposals

Mia Cabana will schedule meetings at the Jones Library for 4 to 6 p.m. for the following dates: November 8, 15, 17, 29; December 6, 8, 13, and 15. When the applications are

released, the secretary will download the file and take it to Collective Copies to be duplicated for members who will be notified when they can pick up the applications at the Library. If anyone does not want a hard copy of the applications, please let Gigi Barnhill know by November 1. The ACC will pay for the printouts.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgia Barnhill, Secretary