

Becket Cultural Council

Minutes of Meeting January 18, 2023

In Attendance:

Cathy Terwedow (Chair), Drea Pecor (Treasurer), Lisa Rosier

Via Zoom:

Shelley Chanler (Secretary), Carole Rival

Absent:

Sarah Reedy, Tracey Wilson (Publicity), Roberta Goldman, Jane Markham

Minutes:

-The minutes of The November 2 meeting approved.

-Treasurer report: Four submissions for reimbursement have not been received.

Greenagers - \$125

Music in Park, Jodi Hofsteter- \$525

Becket/ Washington School Art Show-\$300

Becket/Washington PTO- \$250

Reminder letters and emails were sent but none responded. They have one year from date of acceptance to submit for reimbursement. One last attempt will be made that will include a definitive date that we must receive their submissions for reimbursement by. Lisa Rosier will contact the school and PTO.

Drea and Cathy met with Becket Town Administrator to discuss asking the town to include funds for the arts in our town budget. She was very responsive and suggested a letter be written to select board.

Drea and Cathy also contacted neighboring Berkshire towns to see if they include this in their budgets. Stockbridge, Lenox, Lee and Otis all include funding for arts and culture in their town budgets.

A draft letter was written and circulated to BCC members for comments. Further changes were made at the meeting. The new draft will again be circulated for approval. Once approved, members will sign letter. It needs to be submitted to the Select Board by January 27th.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Council members approved the final letter by email and those in Becket signed the letter over the weekend. Drea gave the signed letter to Kathe Warden, Becket Town Administrator, on January 23. See attached.

Select Board meeting for budget is scheduled for February 8th. Members of BCC should attend in person or on zoom and be available to answer questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17

Minutes submitted. By Shelley Chanler

