

Meeting Minutes
Weston Cultural Council
Online via Zoom
July 22, 2020
7 p.m.

WCC Members Present Online: Anthony Butler, Tom Kilgallen, Christine Martin, Jacob Sagrans, Sonali Tambe. Via phone dial in: Frank Parker.

1. Call to order.

Chair Anthony Butler called the online meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and began recording the proceedings. He read the Town policy for online remote meetings which provides protocol for setting up these meetings and guidelines for conducting a meeting from a legal compliance perspective.

2. Resident comments.

There were no online resident comments. Anthony welcomed Sonali Tambe, the newly appointed member of the WCC.

3. Assigning secretary

Chris Martin was the secretary for the meeting.

4. Review and approve the minutes from June 24, 2020

The minutes from June 24, 2020 were duly reviewed, and approved. They will be submitted to Town Hall and posted in the Council's Google document folder.

5. Treasurer's report

Tom reported that the Weston Arts and Innovation Center submitted their invoices for reimbursement, which has been processed. That was the remaining outstanding expense from 2019. The invoices from the 2020 Regis College art exhibit are also being processed. He will also begin to compile the 2019 Annual Report, the deadline for which has been extended. There is also an annual report to prepare for the town.

6. Check In: Status of 2020 grants

Members reported on the various organizations/performers with whom they've been in contact.

- Tom reported that the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra cancelled the last two concerts of the 2019-20 year, but the first three of the season were held and expenses incurred could be covered by their grant.
- Chris said that Gore Place is planning to hold the two women's history performances online, as they have been doing with other events. She asked what they need to submit in order to request the funds from their grant, e.g. video taping expenses, performer's fee. Tom reiterated that there needs to be specific invoices related to specific performances in order to receive reimbursement.

- Chris said Ruth Harcovitz plans to give her performance of WWII songs when possible, and wondered if there is a deadline that needs to be met. Tom said there is a one-year window for performances.
- Anthony said that the Lands Sake programs are on hold until the public school reopening plans are known since the programs are for field trips.
- Paul had reported to Anthony prior to the meeting that he was in contact with the High School theater consortium about the theater competition that was not held this spring, and if there were expenses for the virtual competition they held.
- Sonali agreed to reach out to the Charles River Chamber group to see what their plans are for their fall concert that was cancelled.
- Frank will reach out to the DeCordova about their grant for EBT funds to see if they are being put to use.

It was agreed that members should continue to contact their assigned grantees for proposals of how the grant monies would be used for programs that have been altered by the pandemic restrictions, rather than granting the monies up front to be spent at each organization's discretion.

7. New Business

Anthony asked if council members had suggestions regarding when to advertise the upcoming grant cycle. Usually notices are posted and an article is submitted to the local media in August. This year, the application process opens on October 1, and the grant deadline has been pushed back to November 16, so he wondered if we should still begin to request submissions in August or wait until September, given the uncertainty of the times. No consensus was reached at this time.

8. Next meeting date and adjournment

The next meeting will be held online on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.