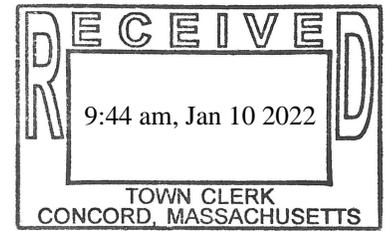


## Concord Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom



Members attending: Tom Martin & Betsy Levinson – Co-chairs  
Leli Sudler, Terry Yanulavich, Tooey Rogers  
and introducing Hilary Taylor, new member

The meeting is being recorded. And we now use the waiting room because we had a situation last year when our meeting was bombed by a hacker.

Hilary Taylor introduced herself and hellos all around.

Tom gave Hilary a summary of CCC mission –

People apply to us and we give them grants. We approach all grants equitably.

It's an unusual situation this year due to COVID – we gave out grants in 2020 and 2021, but recipients couldn't carry out their tasks, so we have most of last year's budget and are waiting to see the determination of its status.

Cut off date for the 2020 recipients was Dec 31, 2020, but was extended to Dec 2021 due to COVID.

The co-chairs sent out a letter to 2020 and 2021 recipients to tell us if they are cancelling or reapplying.

So we have most of last year's budget that has not been paid out - Tom met with town accountant to figure this out - we assume for now that all of the previous two year's grantees will apply for reimbursement

Non-reimbursed \$\$ will be applied to next year's budget.

For this year We have 4 applications so far – Oct 15 is application deadline – requesting \$2600, we have \$6,500 from Mass Cultural Council and another \$2000 from the town of Concord - a number that has been pretty stable over the past few years. This town allotment is for Concord-specific grants. The \$6,500 from the MCC can be used for neighboring towns, but we still look for some connection to Concord. For example, last year we gave the Fitchburg Art museum money because some Concord artists were in the show.

Tom asked Betsy if she could re-send the press release stating the deadline being Oct 15 for this year.

Tom then continued about our mission stating that we email recipients – musicians, artists, etc. – and review the applications and assess the deserving artists to receive grant moneys from our budget

Hilary then asked how artists find out about us and what restrictions there were. Tom stated that we used the Concord Patch, Concord Journal, etc. to get the word out, and that all projects must be co-funded and be about the arts in general and that Concordians have some stake in the game.

Tom moved on to assigning tasks and remarked that Betsy and Tom will be co-chairs:

Press release – co-chairs

Reimbursements - co-chairs

Update the MCC website - co-chairs

Annual Report - co-chairs (reviews disposition of money - spent and unspent)

Monthly Breakfast – Betsy (Tooey backup)

Record votes - Terry

Letters of Acceptance - Terry and Hilary

Letters of Denial - Leli

Minutes - Tooey (to be send them to Town Clerk once approved by our board)

Tom asked that all draft acceptance letters be sent to Tom and Betsy first – to avoid any miscommunication.

Tom referenced the recent MCC website update, and said he had not put in our personal info – left it blank, but we can go in and do it for ourselves if we want our personal information on the site.

Hilary asked if we gave out all our money. Tom said we try to and resolve the #'s with other recipients.

Next Meeting - Betsy proposed Wednesday October 20 at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

We all agreed to do that, because it is shortly after the Oct 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for grant requests.

Terry asked that the acceptance/denial letters usually go out in Dec, and Tom said it may be January this year.

We get grant info from the MCC on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Betsy and Tom will send out a link to MCC.

We re-welcomed Hilary and Tooey read a short poem by Ogden Nash

The Dog

By Ogden Nash

*The truth I do not stretch or shove  
When I state that the dog is full of love  
I've also found, by actual test  
A wet dog is the lovingest*

We then moved (and seconded) to end the meeting.