

*Approved
Dec. 16, 2015*

Bedford Cultural Council
Bedford Town Hall
Wednesday November 18, 2015
7:00

All Present: Barbara Purchia-Chair, Breena Daniell-Asst. Chair, Linda Connelly-Secretary, George Epple-Treasurer, Leslie Wittman, Gyasi Burks-Abbott, Polly Herz, Kelley Dadah, Chuck Lipson
Caroline Fedele-Selectman Liaison.

Call to Order

The Bedford Cultural Council Minutes from October 21, 2015 were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

New Business- We unanimously approved of a change of venue and sponsor for Ruth Harcovitz grant application in the FY2015 grant cycle. George will send letter notifying her of approval.

Request for town funds contribution - Barbara presented the results of her research of Local Cultural Councils who receive funds from their towns. There are 40 towns/cities in Massachusetts who receive additional funds from their municipality for their cultural councils. Given the increasing number of applications and funds requested, the BCC will, ask the town of Bedford to contribute funds. Chuck, George, and Barbara will work on a presentation for the Selectmen. Caroline Fedele, our Selectman Liaison will review the request and bring it up with the Selectmen to potentially add this item to the March town warrant.

Acceptance, rejection, and clarification letters have been sent out and responses received. The responses made no change in our initial decisions.

Treasurer's Report is attached.

A detailed list of the 2016 Grants applications showing their requested amounts and the actual approved amounts, is attached.

The total funding sources and award:

State funding: \$4,600.00

Additional unencumbered funds to be regranted: \$1,303.55

A unanimous decision to withdraw the short fall of from Locally raised funds and/or interest: \$321.45

Total funds awarded to 2016 applicants: \$6,225.00

The total of \$6,225.00 awarded is \$8,921.00 less than the total amount of the requests, supporting figures for the BCC request for a town contribution.

Reception - It was recommended that we have a reception in April or May, inviting past and current grant recipients to present their projects.

Next meeting- December 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the home of Barbara Purchia. BCC members and their families are invited.

A short meeting to discuss any reconsideration of grant applications and the possibility of adding any funds to grant applications will be followed by a Potluck dinner.