

Bedford Cultural Council  
Bedford Town Hall  
Monday November 17, 2014  
7:00pm

*Approved*  
*12/16/2014*  
*Barbara S. Purcia*

All Present: Barbara Purchia, Chair, Breena Daniell, Asst. Chair, Ginny Packer, Treasurer, Linda Connelly, Secretary, George Epple, Susan Grieb, Polly Herz, Leslie Wittman, Gyasi Burks-Abbott

Call to Order

Minutes from the Bedford Cultural Council meeting October 27, 2014 were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Reviewed applications reconsideration and clarification

Grant # 1 – Marilou Barsam – Multicultural Diversity Town Event – The application now includes a 'Description of funding source'.

Grant # 2 – Sam Perkins – One-Bid Wonders intern Joe Neveux – The application now includes the checked boxes under 'LCC grant funds will not be used'.

Grant # 5 – Yin Peet/Contemporary Arts – Stone Carving Symposium – A requested Bedford sponsor letter has not been received.

Grant # 8 – Acton Community Chorus – 2014-2015 Concert Series – A requested Bedford sponsor letter has been received.

Grant # 9 – Friends of Fawn Lake – Spring Fawnstock – The application now includes the checked boxes under 'LCC grant funds will not be used', and a signature.

Grant #10 – Leslie Wittman – Bedford Memories – The application has been withdrawn.

Grant #11 - Lipson/Bedford Social/club – Fairy Homes and Garden Presentation – The applicant has clarified 'Projected expenses'.

Grant #13 – Umbrella Community Arts Center- Travel the World:Free Drop-in Family Art Days- The application now includes a 'Description of funding source'.

Grant #14 – James Shea – President Friends of Depot Park – Railroad Baggage Cart Restoration - The application now includes the checked boxes under 'LCC grant funds will not be used'.

Grant #18 – Bedford Center for the Arts – Teen Drama:Improv Style! The application now includes corrected 'Projected expenses'.

Grant #19 - Ruth Harcovitz - Songs of WWII. The application signature has been validated.

Treasures report – We have \$5,380 in available funds to give out to the approved applicants.

Awards for accepted grant applications:

Grant # 1 – Marilou Barsam – Multicultural Diversity Town Event – Amount Requested \$700.00 – Amount approved \$700.00.

Grant # 2 – Sam Perkins – One-Bid Wonders intern Joe Neveux – Amount requested \$500.00 – Amount approved \$100.00

Grant # 3 – Brendan Welch – Little Free Library – Amount requested \$40.00 – Amount Approved \$40.00.

Grant # 4 – Melanie Hagman – Field Trip Shawsheen to BSO – Amount requested \$470.00 – Amount approved \$220.00.

Grant # 5 – Yin Peet/Contemporary Arts – Stone Carving Symposium – Amount requested \$500.00 – Amount approved \$0.

Grant # 6 – Richard Clark - “Two to Tango” plays at the Council on Aging – Amount requested \$425.00 – Amount approved \$200.00.

Grant # 8 – Acton Community Chorus – 2014-2015 Concert Series – Amount requested \$500.00 – Amount approved \$100.00.

Grant # 9 – Friends of Fawn Lake – Spring Fawnstock – Amount requested \$400.00 – Amount approved \$400.00.

Grant #11 - Lipson/Bedford Social/club – Fairy Homes and Garden Presentation – Amount requested \$230.00 – Amount approved \$230.00.

Grant #12 – Jeanne Reidy – Painting Demonstration – Amount requested \$225.00 – Amount approved \$225.00

Grant #13 – Umbrella Community Arts Center- Travel the World: Free Drop-in Family Art Days - Amount requested \$200.00 – Amount approved \$200.00.

Grant #14 – James Shea – President Friends of Depot Park – Railroad Baggage Cart Restoration – Amount requested \$495.00 – Amount approved \$495.00.

Grant #15 – Jenks Nature Trail Working Group – Signage for the Nature Trail – Amount requested \$165.00 – Amount approved \$165.00

Grant #16 – Epple/Kammerwerke Double Wind Quintet – Three concert series – Amount requested \$1,670.00 – Amount approved \$1,670.00.

Grant #17 – Bedford Cub Scout Pack 194, Den 11 – Field Trip to Lexington Symphony – Amount requested \$176.00 – Amount approved \$176.00.

Grant #18 – Bedford Center for the Arts – Teen Drama: Improv Style! - Amount requested \$500.00 – Amount approved \$500.00.

Grant #19 – Ruth Harcovitz/ Council on Aging – Songs of WWII – Amount requested \$500.00 – Amount approved \$200.00.

Total amount awarded ----- \$5,621.00  
Total amount BCC grant funds ---- \$5,380.00  
Difference ----- \$241.00

A motion was made and passed to withdraw the additional funding amount from our Local Bedford Cultural Council general funds. George will send letters to the applicants.

New Business:

Request for matching funds - We had discussed the possibility of partitioning the town for matching funds to increase the Bedford Cultural Council's ability to more fully support the grant applications. It was decided that it would be best presented in the special town meeting in the fall and Susan will ready the request for that time. Maybe have a table outside Town Meeting with info about the BCC.

Advertising the Cultural Council - Gyasi suggested it would be beneficial if we could get Julie Turner to interview our Mass Cultural Council representative, Jennifer Attwood, on cable TV. This would create more visibility for the Cultural Council, possibly encourage new members to join the Council, and the program could be run at an event explaining more about the Council, and encouraging people to take advantage of this funding source.

BCC Treasurer - This is Ginny's last year as treasurer. George Epple has agreed to take the position and will be working with Ginny through this cycle to learn what the position entails.

Future dates:

Monday January 26, 2014, 7:00 PM - Discuss project plans for January through September 2015, including requests for matching funds from Bedford, advertising the BCC, helping to recruit more applicants, more visibility, attract more BCC members, community awareness and input.