

ACTON BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL (ABCC)

Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2022  
7:30pm  
REMOTE MEETING

**Present:** Sharon Garde; Jin Yang; ; Beth Hydak; Brijesh Singh; Hongbing Tang, Nancy Savage, Maria Paunescu; Ben Davies; Hongbing Tang; Eddy Zhao

**Absent:** Ryanne Flynn

**Public Attendees:** Julie Pierce Onos; John Mangiaratti

**Opening** Chair Sharon Garde opened the meeting at 7:35 PM

**I. Regular Business:** Ms. Hydak volunteered to take minutes in lieu of Ms. Flynn's absence.

**I.1. Public comments:** Julie Pierce Onos, new Public Economic Development Director for the Town of Acton and John Mangiaratti, Town Manager of Acton, discussed a new grant with the cultural council. Ms. Onos secured a grant for the Town of Acton. The grant will award up to four local artists between \$2,500 - \$3,500 for the creation of either a mural or bench. The grant requires that the bench or mural be located in the town of Acton. Artists will additionally be compensated for the materials they use. Contracts must be signed by June 30, 2022. Ms. Onos and Mr. Mangiaratti asked if the cultural council could assist publicizing the grant and help reach out to area artists.

**I.2. Review/approve meeting minutes from April 4, 2022:** Ms Garde made a motion to approve. Ms. Hydak second. Motion passed unanimously.

**I.3. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Singh discussed the Treasurer's Report. Town grants will need to be paid out by the end of June. ABCC members will need the reimbursement form to use for any purchases made for the upcoming reception. Mr. Zhao stated he would reach out to the high school to coordinate reimbursement for the school newsletter. Ms. Garde made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Yang seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**1.4. Film Subcommittee:** Will meet on Thursday 5/05/2022. The film committee selected short films with a cumulative running time of nearly 2 hours. The films will play on 2 sessions of Acton TV starting May 20, 2022.

**II. New/Special Business:** Membership was discussed. Ms. Garde reminded the committee that we will need to fill several positions: chair, website and secretary. Ms. Yang stated she would be interested in the chair position, Ms. Savage indicated she was interested in the secretary position and Mr. Davies was interested in the website position.

**II.5. T-shirt proposal:** Members provided their t-shirt sizes. T-shirts will be ordered and shipped to Ms. Garde and members can pick them up. T-shirts will be worn at the reception and Fifer's Day.

**II.6. Fifer's Day:** June 18, 2022 is Fifer's Day. Ms. Garde will put together a schedule for anyone who is available to volunteer. We have a card table to sit at, but no tent. Ms. Tang will see if she can locate a tent to put over the table.

**II.7. ABCC Reception:** Ms. Yang reviewed her spreadsheet of action items for the reception. Around 20 grantees have already rsvp'd to the reception invitation. The final rsvp date is May 23, 2022. A reminder will be sent out on May 16, 2022. Ms. Savage has nametags ready for the reception. She has arranged entertainment with Open Door theater and Children and Adults Sing Indian Songs. Mr. Davies will need entertainer names, time and title for the program.

**III. Consent Items:** No consent items

### **Adjournment**

At 9:18pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Documents and Exhibits Virtually Used During this Meeting**

- *4.03.22 ABCC Meeting Minutes*
- *5.02.22 Treasurer's Report*

Next meeting: 06/20/2022 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
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