

ACTON BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2023  
7:30 PM, VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT: Jin Yang, Nancy Savage, Mary Hurley, Maria Paunescu, Hongbing Tang,  
Chelsea Reinhold, Ben Davies

ABSENT: Brijesh Singh, Eddy Zhao

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Alissa Nicol, Acton Select Board liaison

**Opening:** Chair Jin Yang opened the meeting at 7:30pm

**I. Regular Business**

1. **Public Comments:** Ms. Yang opened the meeting by welcoming Alissa Nicol to the meeting. Ms. Nicol is the Acton Select Board liaison to the ABCC. She was there to observe and contribute as needed.
2. **Minutes from the May 2, 2023 meeting:** Ms. Yang motioned to approve. Ms. Hurley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Singh was not present to give the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Yang will contact Mr. Singh at another time about the report.
4. **Film Advisory Group:** Ms. Yang stated that the Group's film series seemed to be a great success and hopes it will continue next year.

**II. New/Special Business**

1. **Survey on Council Priorities:** The survey has been posted on the ABCC website, and to Facebook by Ms. Paunescu. It will also be given out at Fifer's Day and Acton Farmer's Market. Ms. Yang stated that she had put some out at the Film Series and has some completed ones to give to Mr. Davies for review. Ms. Yang also questioned whether the Boxborough Town website could post the survey. Mr. Davies stated that he will check on that. Ms. Nicol stated that she may be able to get it on Acton's website.
2. **Grant Reception:** Ms. Yang went down the list of tasks assigned on the Reception Spreadsheet. Each job was discussed, confirmed and changed as needed and is reflected in the new spreadsheet. Mr. Gay, who is performing, is bringing a microphone and speaker. Ms. Savage will ask Mr. Gay if the equipment may be used by all the other speakers and presenters. If not, Ms. Yang will ask Sharon Garde to bring her equipment. At this point, there are 39 "yes" to attend. All ABCC Members will wear their yellow ABCC T-shirts to the reception. A \$100 Gift card was donated by Roche Bros. for use in getting food for the reception. Trader Joe's is also making food and flower donations.
3. **Member Positions for 2023-2024:** Ms. Yang asked if Ms. Savage would continue as Secretary for the next year, to which Ms. Savage answered yes. Ms. Yang stated that she would continue for one more year in her position as Chair. She also stated that she believed Mr. Singh would continue as Treasurer. The ABCC

currently has seven members, and more are welcome to join. Ms. Nicol asked if there is a Boxborough Select Board representative. Ms. Yang said that there is one, but that person has not yet attended a meeting.

4. a. Fifer's Day, 6/17/23. 12:00-5:00; Mr. Davies, Mr. Zhao, Ms. Paunescu, Ms. Hurley, and Ms. Yang will be stationed at the ABCC table. Mr. Davies will provide the table prior to noon. Ms. Reinhold has a 13'x13' tent, which she will get to Mr. Davies prior to the event. Each person will bring their own folding chair.

- b. Acton Farmer's Market: June 18, 2023. Location is 19 Elm Street, Acton, MA. Due to unexpected circumstances, Ms. Savage may not be able to volunteer that day. She will be in touch with Ms. Yang and Ms. Hurley about her status and a schedule will be worked out for the times of 10am to 1pm.

- c. Boxborough News: Ms. Yang stated that Ms. Garde (past ABCC president) is one of the editors and made an inquiry to Ms. Yang as to whether the ABCC would like to put information into the Newspaper. Ms. Yang stated that it would.

5. **Next Meeting:** The next ABCC meeting will be held online on August 29, 2023 at 7:30pm. With Survey results due to the MCC by 9/1/23, the group will go over the responses to the survey.

### III . Consent Items:

None.

Ms. Yang motioned to adjourn meeting at 8: 23pm. Ms. Tang seconded.  
Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by  
Nancy Savage, ABCC Secretary.