

MEETING OF SHEFFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:00pm

Meeting in Town Hall, French Meeting Room

Present: Megan Lawrence, Gillian Hettinger, Joe Kolodziej, Dorothy Maffei, Paul O'Brien, Frances Roth, Amy Rudnick, Bonnie Silvers, Jessica Treat, Hester Velmans

Absent: Todd MacKenzie, Christine Valentini, Phyllis Webb

- The Council convened at 5:00pm. The minutes of the 4/20/23 meeting were approved.
- New members were welcomed to the Cultural Council.
- The Treasurer's report was given. The balance from donations was reported as roughly \$2,000 - \$3,000. All 2023 grants have now been made.
- A new Chair and a Treasurer are needed with the terms of Amy Rudnick and Paul O'Brien expiring. Megan Lawrence agreed to be Co-Chair with Hester Velmans, with the hope that Megan would take over after a year. Dorothy Maffei volunteered to be Treasurer. Jessica Treat will serve as Secretary.
- The topic of fundraising was discussed along with the need to apply for ARPA funds from the town. It was agreed that a fundraising pitch should be sent out in the Fall.
- Our involvement in the Sheffield Fair was discussed as was the need for the Council to be credited on the signs for the Fair.
- The grant cycle and rules regarding meetings were discussed. The Massachusetts Cultural Council website, *massculturalcouncil.org*, was highlighted for the wealth of information provided. New members should sign in to/get a password for the Smart Simple website: <https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com>. This is the website for all Council transactions; members should provide their personal information there.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Treat