

December 9, 2021, 6:05 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Whately Cultural Council Annual Meeting / Grant Distribution

PRESENT: Richard Korpiewski, Jenny Morrison, Nancy Talanian (Chair), Riina Viise, Nance Rifanburg, Perrine Meunier-Jones

ABSENT: Adelia Bardwell, Paula Jenkins

MINUTES:

Nancy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council priorities. Nancy presented the current Whately Cultural Council priorities for grants as set forth on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website, which give preference to programs sponsored by local institutions and organizations, especially those benefiting children and seniors. The council voted unanimously to retain those priorities.

Grant decisionmaking. Perrine updated the council's spreadsheet of grant applications as the council reviewed the 33 grant applications it received and voted to approve 20 grants and to deny 13 grant applications. The council voted to distribute \$6,391 in grant funds. \$5,000 of the grant funds came from the Mass. Cultural Council for 2022 programs, and the remaining \$1,391 were from bank interest plus unspent funds previously granted for events that did not take place.

Officer elections. Nancy explained the responsibilities of the offices of chair, treasurer, and secretary. She suggested that if she were to be reelected as chair, the council should elect a vice-chair who would be ready to take over as chair before Nancy's final term ends on 3/27/23.

The following officers were unanimously elected for one-year terms via a roll-call vote:

Chair:	Nancy Talanian
Vice-chairs:	Perrine Meunier-Jones and Jenny Morrison
Secretary:	Nance Rifanburg
Treasurer:	Richard Korpiewski

Adjournment. Nancy adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Talanian, Chair