

Fairhaven Cultural Council Meeting
November 20, 2024

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

Roll call: John Walker, Beth Ann Gallagher, Nicole Arruda, Serena Gundersen Thomas,
Jen Frasier, Katharine MacPhail
Absent: Alexandra Mitchell

A motion to accept the minutes as written was accepted with 5 voting yes and one abstention.

FCC has a new member- Alexandra Mitchell
Allysa Botello is our new liaison to the select board and town hall.
The FCC discussed the sign bylaw in relation to how public art might be approved in Fairhaven. Beth Ann and Katharine will work on that issue in the future.
Massachusetts Cultural Council says 7 to 9 cultural council members is ideal, the town of Fairhaven has voted to allow up to 9 members and has 7 at this time.

Community outreach

Millicent Library applicant night

Jen and Beth Ann report that no one attended the applicant night.

Old Time Holiday Fair

Saturday December 14th 10-3 PM- Katharine would be able to set up a table.

Treasurer Report

Jen met with Anne Carreiro on the 30th of September. They submitted the form to MCC before the deadline. Our paperwork was in order. The grant total is \$13804, the odd amount is due to left over \$404 from the 2024 cycle. \$11,900 from the state and \$1500 from the town. Last year the amount from the town was \$2750. \$75 for administrative expenses is in the budget.

4 grantees have not submitted final reports for the 2024 season, three have not completed but one did happen in September.

Jen will be re-writing the acceptance letter as it seems to be too dense.

Special project report

Nicole suggests that we put off the special project until 2025.

A motion to fold \$404 from 2024 cycle into 2025 was approved unanimously.

Beth Ann will reach out about the Old Time Holiday Fair.

Katharine will read through the sign regulations.

Voting

The FCC can fully fund, partially fund or over fund any project.

Nicole read the FCC priorities as published on the MCC website

The FCC can approve applications with a condition.

Motion to complete 23 applications or 8:30, whichever comes first was approved unanimously.

The applications directly impacting Fairhaven were considered first.

Beth Ann, John and Jen filed a disclosure because they know Ron Fournier, the former chair of the FCC. They are able to evaluate the grants despite their relationships.

#3 Old time fiddle at the Millicent Library. A motion to approve the application with partial funding of \$600 was unanimously accepted

#4 Silent film and Music

A motion to approve the application with full funding was unanimously denied

#7 South Asian violin music. Did not have a location for the project.

A motion to approve the project was denied with 5 voting no, 1 yes

#12 Festival of Lights field trip- happening November 21. This would be a reimbursement. A motion to approve with partial funding of \$514 was accepted unanimously

#13 Concert under the stars

Motion to accept the application with full funding was approved unanimously

#14 Joshua Slocum painting exhibition at the library.

Motion to accept the application and the \$1500 request was approved unanimously

#15 Travels through the heart and soul of New England

A motion to accept the application and fully fund the project was approved unanimously.

#17 Henry the Juggler

A motion to approve the application and the request for \$450 was approved with 5 yeses and 1 abstention

#19 60s Rock Band

A motion to accept the application was denied unanimously.

#20 Snow Queen at 2 elementary schools

A motion to approve the application with the \$340 funding was approved unanimously

#22 Golden Girls acting class at the Senior Center

A motion to approve the application with the \$750 funding was approved unanimously

#24 Night in the Gazebo

A motion to approve the application with the \$500 funding was approved unanimously

#25 Whaling Museum admission for Fairhaven Students

A motion to approve application and the \$500 funding was approved unanimously

#26 You are here sculpture

A motion to approve the application was denied unanimously because there was no site or installation details

#29 St Joseph field trim to Plimouth

A motion to approve the application with full funding was unanimously denied

#30 Music in the library

A motion to approve the application with the full \$900 funding was approved unanimously

#31 snacks for Shepard Performing Center

A motion to approve the application with the \$750 funding was approved unanimously

#36 Performing Artists of Fairhaven podcast

A motion to approve the application with full funding was approved unanimously

#37 Lost Artists of Fairhaven podcast

A motion to approve the application with full funding was approved unanimously

#42 Level up Magic Show with Todd Migliacci

A motion to approve the application with full funding \$800 was approved unanimously

#43 Complimentary senior tickets

A motion to approve the application with full funding of \$200 was unanimously accepted

#44 The Theft of Dignity: Fairhaven Free Public Presentation

A motion to approve the application with full funding was unanimously denied due to not having a location approved.

#45 Willie Nelson songs and Stories with Matt York

A motion to approve the application with full funding of \$500 was approved unanimously

A motion to deny the remaining applications due to lack of funds was approved unanimously

Next meeting date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Katharine MacPhail
Secretary