

TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Upton Cultural Council




Meeting Agenda and Posting

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Virtual

Microsoft Teams meeting

1. Call meeting to order, roll call of members
 - a. Welcome to new and potential members
 - b. Members present: Megan Ronzio, Robin Jokela, Lyn Haggerty, Jennifer Conrad, Alice Gentili
 - c. New member applicant present: Kate Baden
2. Review agenda, vote to approve:  1-11-23 UCC agenda.pdf
 - a. Motion to approve agenda - Lyn
 - b. Second - Alice
 - c. Passed
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from December 6, 2022:  12-7-22 UCC Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from Dec 6 - Jenn
 - b. Second - Lyn
 - c. Passed
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Google docs report sent by Lyn to members to review:
 Upton Cultural Council FY22 Grants Funding
 - b. Outstanding Grants and Deposits
 - i. Lyn gave a general recap of credits and debits. No concerns.
5. Vote on Council program funds (\$196)
 - a. Motion to set aside \$196 leftover from the grant decisions for the UCC to bring forth our own identified program or project - Lyn
 - b. Second by Megan
 - c. Passed
6. Updates - Megan
 - a. FY23 grant applications
 - i. Letters went out to unfunded parties, no appeals
 - ii. Letters went out to approved and all recipients were happy to hear the news
 - b. New members
 - i. Applications are underway
 - ii. Kate Baden's to be reviewed at next Selectboard meeting
 - c. Article to new Upton publication (via Shelly Ryan):
 - i. Linked [here](#)

7. Discussion
 - a. UCC projects and programs (FY23 and beyond)
 - i. Megan presented idea about providing a welcome basket for newcomers to town
 - ii. Jen mentioned Newcomers Club in central MA
 - b. Lyn mentioned Men's Club fireworks event or adding something to Heritage Day
8. Survey
 - a. Can we reuse or repurpose former surveys? Megan
 - b. Lyn - yes we can. Can we get our surveys in the census?
 - c. Alice - let's do it sooner rather than later and get it out during the lull in social media before some of the programs and grants coming up
 - d. Megan will send the last survey to the council to review for changes for this year
 - i. Once approved, will send out via social media
9. Important Dates:
 - a. January 10, 2023: Town of Upton Annual reports of committees due
 - i. [Final 010623TownAnnualreport_v3.docx](#)
 - b. January 17, 2023: MCC Annual Report Due
 - i. Done
10. Public Comment: Members of the public may present concerns regarding committee work or resources for additional investigation or other matters.
 - a. No public comment
11. New Business: Any matters that may not reasonably be anticipated by the chair that could be raised during the public comment period, by the public through any other means, or by other members of the committee.
 - a. Alice proposes a Year in Review on Social Media Platforms - Council agrees
 - b. Alice will use photos from last year to post
12. 11. Next meeting date – Wednesday, February 8th (second Wednesday)