



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
Upton Cultural Council

**Minutes**

May 10, 2023  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting  
Microsoft Teams meeting

1. Call meeting to order, roll call of members
  - a. Megan Ronzio, Jennifer Conrad, Lyn Haggerty, Shelley Glassman, Kate Baden, Robin Jokela
  - b. Potential member: Carly Muniz
2. Review agenda, vote to approve.
  - a. Lyn motion
  - b. Shelley second
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from April 12, 2023.
  - a. Minutes were revised on April 18 after initial distribution
    - i. [UCC April 2023 Minutes](#)
  - b. Megan motion
  - c. Lyn second
4. Treasurer's report
  - a. Lyn sent out to everyone
  - b. Smart Simple has received contract but hasn't been distributed
  - c. Upton Historical Society has submitted for reimbursement
  - d. UCC funds available
    - i. \$7439 state
    - ii. \$856 UCC
  - e. Megan motion to accept
  - f. Shelley second
  - g. Approved
5. Update: FY 2023 Grants and dates of events:
  - a. Recap of events upcoming and yet to be determined
    - i. [Table of Programs](#)
  - b. Festivals grants
    - i. Promo on 5/10
6. Discussion on what event UCC can bring forward that most benefits the community.
  - a. [Survey results](#)

- b. Community Kangaroo - Kate - has researched communication program for young families
- c. Community Center hanging system for artwork - Kate - the library researched and came back with a quote of \$253 plus a few connectors = \$300
  - i. Lyn asks about willingness to include a small plaque acknowledging the donation. Megan - it's important to ask.
  - ii. Kate will check with the library
  - iii. Alice - how many systems do they want? Should a request for funding be required? Suggests in future years we should put out a more public call for requests for funding to be more transparent. This year we are happy to celebrate the opening of the new Upton Community Center.
  - iv. Kate will get definitive request so we can vote during the next meeting
- d. Lyn - we can raise even more money with the sale of glasses on hand?
- e. Eyes on Owls - Alice - Has reached out, hasn't heard back. Will get more information and send it along to see whether or not we should pursue it.
  - i. Update 5/12 - Spoke with Eyes on Owls this morning (Marcia Wilson):
    - 1. Cost of single 1 1/4 hour show is \$795 plus \$50 travel expense = \$845
    - 2. Photography slideshow and birds brought through the aisles for viewing
    - 3. Marcia recommends charging \$10-\$15 for the event, Allows for registration and stronger commitment by the audience
- f. LGBTQ alliance at Nipmuc outreach - Megan - has spoken with Nipmuc gay/straight alliance, for which there is not currently an advisor. Spoke to the adjustment counselor, who will ask around. Connected with Miscoe about a project there, working with Beth Gervais.
  - 1. Lyn - there's an additional grant out there called youth reach and creative youth development
  - 2. Alice - Megan can recommend Beth talk to Cathy Frary for info on grant writing
- g. Genealogy workshop - Megan - will contact Seema Kenney (in town) for possible genealogy workshop
  - i. Jen knows a genealogist in Lexington who would be good, too
- 7. Public Comment: Members of the public may present concerns regarding committee work or resources for additional investigation or other matters
  - a. No public comment
- 8. 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. Email from Sandy regarding re-appointment
- 9. Set the next meeting date – June 14, 2023
- 10. Motion to adjourn
  - a. Lyn motion
  - b. Jen second
  - c. Approved