

Marblehead Cultural Council December Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Abbot Library – Conference Room (101)

Attendees:

Kathy Barker
Joe Dipoli
Aaron Liber, Secretary
Alex MacAaron
Jim Murphy, Treasurer
Mark Philip
Lisa Seltzer
Jeanie Stahl, Co-Chair
Jennifer Uhl, Chair

Not Attending:

Rose Gould
Marjorie Norman
Howard Rosencrantz, Ex-Oficio

Reading of land acknowledgment.

Voted to waive reading of the minutes from October meeting.

Welcome new member Joe Dipoli.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed the updated list of 2024 grantee reimbursement status, two payments pending. For FY2025, \$8604 is available for granting. \$8000 is the 2025 MA Cultural Council allocation to Marblehead plus budget carryover. Members voted 5% of the \$8000 (\$400) allocation to cover required administrative costs for FY2025. Total remaining for grantee allotment is \$8204.

Discussion of 2025 Grant Applications:

Joe Dipoli recused himself from voting on his application and left the room when it was discussed. Joe disclosed this information to the Town of Marblehead Select Board office (MCC's appointing authority) prior to the meeting and was informed that they would keep this information on file. In addition, all attending Marblehead Council members signed a document which disclosed that they would be voting on a fellow council member's grant application. This document was received at the Select Board's office prior to the meeting.

Jim Murphy recused himself from three applications and left the room when these applications were discussed. Group chose not to allocate any funds (of up to the 20% allowed) for a 2025 Marblehead Cultural Council initiated Special Project or event.

Council members discussed and voted on each of the 29 applications. Amounts were allocated to the selected approved grantees.

Review Timeline for Grantee Notifications as well as Publicity:

The Chair (Jennifer) will input the results of the grant voting meeting into the state online system as soon as possible. Once inputted, the State's system automatically and immediately notifies all rejected grant applicants. Then, applicants are allowed 15 days (including holidays) to request reconsideration. If the state forwards an application for reconsideration, the Marblehead Cultural Council would then reconvene. Until this reconsideration period ends and the denied applications can be confirmed, nothing is official.

Publicity announcements about each grantee are generated by the Marblehead Cultural Council and launched January 16th to align with the States timeline. The publicity sub-group will organize this information for print and online promotion prior to that date. The Chair also sends each approved applicant an individual congratulatory email with specific grant information closer to that date. Liaisons will be copied.

Liaisons for 2025:

Council members matched themselves as liaisons for each of the pending approved grantees. The two council members not in attendance will be contacted after the reconsideration period, to offer them liaison matches as well.

Adjournment:

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 5 at Abbot Public Library.

Adjournment, 8:35pm

Minutes compiled by Jeanie Stahl, Co-Chair