

Town of Deerfield
Local Cultural Council
November 10, 2010
Minutes

Attendance: Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette
Allen Fowler
Rachel Blain
Julie Cavacco
Judith Kundl

A.. Meeting convened: 7:15 pm

B. Minutes of last meeting – Motion made, seconded, and voted to skip minutes of last meeting.

C. Old Business:

1. Open Meeting Guidance – Revised Open Meeting information from Town Counsel reviewed, all members received copies prior to the meeting.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to authorize Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette, “fearless leader” to sign letters for the Council.
3. Reba-Jean said she wanted to thank Kayce for making this meeting so user friendly. Other members commented on their pleasure at receiving their packets of information organized and ready for review.
4. Review of the 2010 Grant Distributions - A list of disbursements was passed out to members. The Deerfield Arts Festival was known to have been held, but paperwork, “proof” that it occurred, has not been received. One group - “the bank”- returned its funding unused. No paperwork has been received from the Community Action group or the Mohawk Trail Concerts. Requests for reimbursement for funds awarded for 2010 need to be received before the end of the year. Someone suggested contacting the groups who have not submitted the appropriate paperwork.
5. Information for the web site - The council gives first consideration to local, Deerfield organizations, especially local non-profits that propose projects that are either free or at reduced cost to residents. The council would like to see letters of support from the community for proposed programs. The goal is to establish a balance between art and history projects. It would also like to make the public aware that local art is shown at the Tilton Library.

D. New Business

1. Notice of the awards for 2011 is due by January 15th. It was suggested that the first paragraph of a letter to the applicants include information that the council received 32 requests for funding, totaling \$14,260, but the Council has only \$4,050 in funds to award. Allen Fowler said he felt this would put things into perspective. He made a motion, which was seconded, and voted to include this information in letters to the applicants.
2. Review of the 32 applications - The discussion included a review of how each request would relate to and/or benefit the residents of Deerfield. Some applications were deemed not to be public events and were not considered. Others did not provide complete information on artists who would be performing, and would be set aside initially. Other projects appeared to items that could be combined, as was a request from the South County Senior Center, requesting funding for various arts and another, Steve Damon requesting funds to provide dinner music at the Senior Center. A lengthy discussion was held over the proposal regarding a historic map compilation, a project which the council initially felt was something that should be undertaken by Old Deerfield organizations, but upon further discussion decided it was important enough to be funded.
3. After much discussion and in several motions the final list of projects to be funded is as follows:

Organization	Request	Award
South County Senior Center	\$600.00	\$600.00
Mohawk Trail Concerts	\$500.00	\$100.00
Franklin County Musicians	\$200.00	\$200.00
David Bates	\$250.00	\$250.00
Greenfield Recreation	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Old Deerfield Productions	\$500.00	\$500.00
Museum of Industrial Heritage	\$175.00	\$175.00
Country Players	\$300.00	\$100.00
PV MA – Concert	\$400.00	\$400.00
PVMA – 4 th of July	\$400.00	\$400.00
PVMA – family programs	\$500.00	\$450.00
Memorial Hall Assoc.	\$400.00	\$75.00
Old Maps	\$500.00	\$500.00
NE Wild Flower Society	\$500.00	\$100.00
Ashfield Community theater	\$500.00	\$50.00
Summer arts program		

Following completion of the listing, a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. No time was noted.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Phelps

