

Northborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Northborough Town Hall, Conference Room C

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm

In attendance: Selvi Oyola, Bich Nguyen, Craig Cox

Absent: Steve Smith, Scott Nolan, Lesley Shore, Suzanne Cox, Heidi Knight

Guest: Lori Pandit

1. Meeting minutes for April 26, 2018 were reviewed for revisions but we did not have quorum to approve.
2. Ideas for Council generated event:
 - General Concept: Sponsor a stage to showcase volunteer artists/musicians to perform & perhaps a Tent gallery showing/displaying local art work. We can also have performing artists walking around.
 - First option: Pair with Farmer's Market during Applefest. Town Common is starting to do construction – it might interfere with our desire to hold event in same spot
 - Second option: Pair with Community Affairs concert series. If we do, then we cannot also have a music stage – event would be something else.
 - Timing: What does the calendar of events look like around Applefest? We have several days for options.
 - Pro/Con: Why would an artist want to participate in our art tent where they cannot sell if they can have their own tent to sell their wares? What is our attraction? We would be open to new as well as experienced artists.
 - Need to investigate the cost of renting a stage with AV equipment – could be beyond our means.
 - Pitch/Purpose: We want to recognize and support and expose the Northborough community to local artists; Enhance the quality of life; Bring diversity to our town.
 - To Do: 1) Reach out to Applefest Committee. 2) Each member needs to research a different cultural event to get/generate ideas. 3) Recruit volunteers from ARHS to help us over the summer and at Applefest (setting up etc).
3. Planning for next year Grant – we will review priorities in June
4. Other business:
 - Review the application process with MCC in June
 - Review Northborough Master Plan. Provide input to Selvi to give to Nicole.
 - Discuss Grant Writing workshop in Sept
 - Work on publicity for Sept 1 for our Council generated event

Meeting called to adjourn at 8:17pm