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Approved on 1/13/2012
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Upton Cultural Council Minutes 11/17/2011 Town Hall—Upton 7 pm

*Committee discussed the importance of a consistent voting procedure, stressing the importance of reflecting community needs. The need to gather community input next spring was discussed. Kelly Hurd shared the MCC suggestions for developing a consistent voting procedure with the committee (found on MCC website). Committee discussed procedures they felt were important and agreed to use the MCC guidelines, but also agreed to put an emphasis on funding local (in Upton) events, to try and partially fund multi-town events that involve Upton and to attempt to take on a “new” applicant each year to widen our scope of grant approvals.

*Chairperson (Kelly Hurd) reported that amount available for granting this year is \$5,345.20 and Jean Housekeeper confirmed that amount.

*Kelly Hurd reported answers to questions raised at the last meeting—such as whether

or not an organization can be granted money after three years (answer is yes).

*~~Committee reviewed all grant applications~~ and voted as follows:

~~Funding given to:~~

Davis and Bates 600.00

Friends of the Upton State Forest 700.00

Open Space Committee (Upton) 860.00

Memorial PTO (Jumprope) 1, 500

William Moffit—200.00

ESL Theater---750.00

Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band

~~Funding denied to:~~

Ed the Wizard

Memorial PTO (Geography)

Marble Collection

Southeastern MA community concert band

Worcester Chamber of Music Society

Scott Tooker

Clafflin Hill

Shane Wood Jazz Trio
The New England Swing Orchestra
The Tequila Amigos
Ted Wirt
John Porcino
Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming

*Committee held a discussion about the Senior Council on Aging and noted that it would like to reach out to them for next year's grant process, in hopes to bring a program to the elderly in town, as we feel they were underrepresented in town this year, due to lack of applications sought out by them. Committee talked about helping them through the application process in the future if they are interested in doing so.

*Ellen Arnold left the room and noted that she would not be part of the discussions or votes about the Upton Open Space application or the Friends of the Upton State Forest application, due to conflict of interest.

*After all applications were voted on, the committee voted to increase the amount of

money put in the UCC account for
administrative fees from \$100.00 to \$190.00
dollars.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.