

# **Newbury Cultural Council Meeting Agenda**

**April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. ET**

## **Council Member Attendees:**

Robin Lawson, Chair  
Amy Thurlow, Treasurer  
Michelle Ouellette, Secretary  
Bart Bracken  
Margaret Russell  
Minnie Flanagan  
Lloyd Hamovit  
Jeanne Anderson

**Call to order** – Robin Lawson.

**Approval of 3-24-2021 meeting minutes** - Voted to approve.

## **Update NCC Survey to Newbury Residents**

- Amy reported that the Town sent out via email twice; she has also posted on Facebook In both the Council's page and on Kind People of Newbury. Robin posted it on the Newbury Town Day Facebook page.
- 162 responses thus far - Plan to have survey taken down April 30<sup>th</sup> to process the total results.

-Will create a report that can be shared with the Council and other town organizations as relevant.

-Will invite involved parties to our next meeting (Library, Byfield Performing Arts, Senior Center) as the results pertain to them.

## **Update on Newbury Town Day**

- Steering committee meets every other Monday at 6pm (April 26<sup>th</sup> first meeting), all welcome. Please contact Robin for meeting link.
- Robin and Heidi Fram are co-chairs for the event
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> planning event/idea session at Newbury Elementary School gym from 11am to 1pm
- Seeking sponsors this summer/fall and gathering cost estimates; applying for local grants next winter
- Jean had an idea for guided history walks.
- Bart had an idea to have a composting program (involve MONA, Black Earth composting, etc).

## **Update on Council-specific social media for community engagement**

- Amy has posted 3 upcoming events (NBPT Literary Festival, NBPT DocuFest, Cantemus Chamber Chorus) to the Newbury MA Cultural Council Facebook page
- Michelle to try and add social media links to NCC Town Page

## **Update on term expirations: Minnie (6/30/21), Lloyd and Margaret (9/1/21), Robin (6/30/21)**

- Minnie's request for term renewal goes before the Select Board in June.
- Margaret has conferred with Town Counsel and State Ethics Commission to better understand how the conflict of interest law may apply to her in particular situations. She has decided to

apply for another term and will need to abstain from votes on grants where there may be a conflict.

- Lloyd is considering applying for another 3-year term and/or proposing a name of local artist to the committee

- Michelle has a friend who is interested in joining and will follow up.

- Still in need of a chair. Robin has offered to support new chair as an ex-officio member

**Date for next meeting** – May 19, 2021 at 6:00pm

**Adjourned** – 7:07 pm

Post-recording, the team updated each other on their individual vaccination status. If the library reopens by May 19, the meeting might be there. Robin will call the library to confirm.