**June 2, 2021 Minutes of the Westport Cultural Council**

Gay called the meeting to order at 6:07.  The meeting was the first since March 2020 to be held in person at the Westport Town Hall Annex. It was a pleasure to be together again.

In attendance were Gay Gillespie, Ned Daniels, Alexandra Witney, Nancy Whitin, Ruth Bourns, Merri Cyr.  Absent was Carol Vidal and Lucy Tabit. ( Post Script; the WCC was extremely saddened to learn that Lucy Tabit passed away on June 15, 2021.  She will be missed by so many.)

**Old Business**

Approval of WCC meeting minutes of May 5, 2021.

Ned made the motion to approve, Laurie seconded.  All in favor

**Treasurer’ s Report**

Ned noted that he had received thank you letters from The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Concerts at the Point for their H.E. grants.

Ned reported there were no changes.

**Committee Business**

Outreach/Communications:  The Helen Ellis Grantees were listed in the Westport Shorelines.

Carol Vidal and Merri Cyr will continue to cover this committee.

Membership:

Film Committee:  Ruth reported that she had spoken to Dedee Shattuck, but did not have a contact yet.  Poster and PR will need to be done by someone on the committee as Lucy has done in the past.

Artist in Residence: Artists while here will stay at Merri’s Airbnb.  Schedule June 7 - 25th with closing on the 24th.

July 1 - 21, closing July 22 and the third artist here August 1 - 21, closing August 19th.

**New Business:**  Gay recommend that the WCC meet on July 7th to introduce the new members, Rob DelGaudio, Carol Bonnar and Midori Evans and to determine & appoint new officers.  Gay recommended that a Vice Chair be appointed to cover in the absence of the Chair.

Ruth thanked Gay, Ned and Laurie for their service on the WCC.

**Adjourn:**  Ruth make the motion, Nancy seconded.  Adjourned at 6:45 PM.

And thanks to Alexandra for the yummy cheese cake cupcakes!

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Bullard, Recording Secretary

Laurie Bullard