Westport Cultural Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2022

Members attending: Ruth Bourns, Merri Cyr, Rob Del Gaudio, Midori Evans,

Tom Peirce, Carol Vidal, Nancy Whitin, Alexandria Whitney.

Carol opened the meeting at 6:00.

Old Business

Rob moved that the Minutes of April 6, 2022 be approved. Tom seconded. All voted in favor.

Alexandra gave the Treasurer’s Report. The reimbursement to grantees receiving a State Grant ended on April 30. There is $57,519.29 of unspent funds in the 82 Fund. There is $976.00 unencumbered in the 2020-2021 WCC Fund. $7,000 was moved into the 15 Fund. There is a $49.84 interest balance in the 19 Fund.

Alexandra explained that the Westport River Watershed Alliance has requested an extension for submitting their reimbursement form because of impending issues beyond their control. The Council voted to extend the deadline until August 30. The Council asked the group to inform us about their progress by June 30.

New Business

There was a discussion leading to final decisions regarding grant amounts for the 2022-2023 cycle of the Helen Ellis Grants. Rob moved to accept the amounts suggested at this time. Nancy seconded. All voted in favor. These individual grant amounts are as follows:

1. Merri Cyr Artist In Residence Program $4,500
2. Merri Cyr Westport Now online Magazine $3,000
3. The Art Drive Open Studio Tours $2,000
4. Westport Historical Society Paul Cuffe Workshop Performances $1,200
5. Westport Historical Society Handy House Artisan Fair $1,200
6. New Bedford Fishing

 Heritage Center Fishboats: Art of the Industry $500

7. Concerts at The Point Jasper String Quartet $2.000

8. Westport Art Group Summer Art Camp Scholarships $700

9. Southeast Artists Open Studio Tour 2022 $1,500

10. Westport Cultural Council Summer Film Series $7,500

11. Midori Evans Meditations on Landscape $1,700

12. Midori Evans Westport Writes Together $5,000

13. Westport Economic

 Development Music at the Farmer’s Market $2,400

14. Westport Recreation Dept. Outdoor Movie Night Series $3,500

15. Westport Recreation Dept. Summer Concert Series $6,500

16. Greater Tiverton Franz Schubert Mass in $4,100

 Community Chorus G Major

17. Annawon Weedon & The Wampanoag Experience $6,100

 Peter Crawley

18. Alice Carroll Brazilian Culture at Bayside $1,600

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 Total Amount for Grants $55,000

The Council agreed to discuss the future of the Artists In Residence Program at the June Meeting. Also at the June Meeting will be a discussion concerning Board Members applying for grants.

Rob spoke about the films chosen for the Summer Film Series. The films will be shown at Weatherlow Farms on July 20, August 3, and 17, and the final film sometime in September. The group expressed enthusiasm about the choices.

Rob moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Bourns, Secretary