

**Gloucester Cultural Council Minutes  
Wednesday November 10, 2021 – 5:30p  
Meeting held at: Harbormaster's Office**

**GCC members present:** Shayla Swigart, Elizabeth Neumeier, Lucas Cotterman, Laura Crook-Waxdal

**The 5:30 meeting was called to order**

GCC commenced the meeting with the acknowledgment of Arthur Thomas's recent Passing. Liz shared he went as he wished: gracefully and peacefully. Art was such a valuable member of the council who stepped in right as Covid hit and rolled up his sleeves to help us navigate/understand the technical aspects of GCC. He will be missed.

**Announcements:**

Liz shared that Sargent House had a pumpkin carving contest and that we should consider doing something like it in the fall. Perhaps going forward GCC can create seasonal events for the community? Here is a reference.

<https://www.pumpkinfestival.org/index.php/2019/07/03/history-of-keene-pumpkin-festival/>

Shayla invited Gloucester resident: Elizabeth Talbot to come to our next meeting as a potential new member.

**Expenses from the October 16, 2021 Grantee Reception**

Allocated funds: \$ 1560.00

Expenditures: \$ 221.00 Food & Beverages-Rebecca Nagle  
\$ 63.09 Decorations & misc-Kay Koretsky  
\$ 250.00 Space Rental- MAGMA

Event total \$519.96

A motion to approve the funds was called and approved by all members present.

**\*We must remember to vote on all expenses going forward**

**Ice Sculpture Event: 1/22/2022 Update**

Our concept is definitely snowballing ( ha,ha ) into a Winter festival. CAM, downtown merchants, Rocky Neck C.C many organizations are enthusiastic about participating in a winter festival/Winter Walk , which is fabulous news; however, **GCC is only responsible for our project on Stacey Blvd. just to be clear.**

We are considering contacting some food trucks, which Lucas is looking into.

We want the sculpture closest to the launch ramp at the Blvd. to ensure easy access to downtown.

We are looking at prices for lighting we are bidding it out just to look at different options. Lucas mentioned he knew someone and Laura's husband is also interested.

GCC has to present our concept to Gloucester City Council December 2, 2021  
Rebecca Nagle will represent on our behalf.

For more information on the ice sculptor: Donald Chapelle, visit the web site:  
*brillianticesculpture.com* It has great pictures and information about him.

### **The grant recipients for this year Initial review**

GCC was happy to see so many people apply for grants. We did a quick review of some folks applications that need follow up.

*The Cape Ann Finns.* They still have time to finish 2021 grant if they use it we could then treat the 2022 grant for half the amount as they doubled their request for 2022. Maybe Kay can let them know as she has communicated with them in the past?

The Vietnam Wall in Hamilton/Wenham is likely a no (no benefit for Gloucester). John P. Porcino Needs a venue, Andrew Harms we have questions too. We are going to designate folks for follow up with questions at the next meeting. Meanwhile, Tim Kane has a year, Lucas follow up. Laura is following up with Andrew Harms to find out the benefit to the community.

Our take on the list this year is to try to give a bit of monies to as many folks as we can rather than a meaningful amount to a few. Also, we have a bit more funds b/c we no longer have administration budget because we no longer print out the applications. This provides roughly \$300.00 more to the pot.

How do we want to review these great applicants? At the next meeting we are asking: **all GCC members please consider each application before our next meeting 12/10.** Liz is bringing in a board we will go through each request with a green light, a yellow light and, a red light approach to expedite the applicants, this will only work if we all do our homework and have reviewed them. Liz said she'd bring pizza.

**New GCC logo:**

we would like it to be done by the January 22<sup>nd</sup> looking for graphic designers for this project. Any GCC member who would like to look into potential vendors; that would be swell. Perhaps one of us knows someone?

Next meeting Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at Harbormasters  
Motion to adjourn