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Amesbury Cultural Council Cultural Center Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30pm

Location: Cultural Center, 37 Millyard, Amesbury, MA 01913

In attendance:

Bonnie Brady (BB), Amy Vander Els (AV), and Kristen Costa (KC)

Call to Order – by Bonnie at 6:40 pm

MINUTES

Approval of past minutes

- 3/2/26 Minutes: KC moves and AV seconds. Minutes unanimously approved as is.

Update on cleaning and supplies

- Mayor's office reminded of facility maintenance needs including light bulbs, blocked kitchen drain, and need for lock on unisex / previously men's bathroom.
- We have not heard back from the city's cleaning company on when they can start the free cleaning through June.
- We need a large trash can w/ liners and a large bulletin board – Bonnie will look for these things at Ocean State (with our discount card).

Cultural Center web page

- Bailey did an excellent job creating our web page. We are waiting for the city's URL with rental info & application form so that we can provide the link.

Application for a Creative County \$5,000 grant

- Grant request submitted and will be reviewed by ECCF 1st week in April.

Finalize 3-month plan for Artist Education Series

- Markets 101 – managed by Kristen with assistance from Amy. Thursday, May 28th, 6 – 8 pm.
- Grant Opportunities for Creatives – managed by Bonnie with panel speakers Laura Schofield and Janice Valderde. Wednesday, June 24th, 6 – 7:30 pm.
- Social Media – ask Bailey Campbell if she is interested in doing it, possibly in September
- Other topics discussed: Taxes / Business Considerations with topics such as legal, copyright. We need to do a call for a specialist. Stipend of \$100 for our \$500 approved funds.

Exhibit at Cultural Center

- 2 weeks from Saturday, June 20 to Friday, July 3rd.
- The NOB Print Collaborative exhibitors will plan open dates (probably the 2 weekends) and a few events like classes, speakers, demos.
- Other events during the exhibit period will be encouraged.
- Covers for the free-standing panels would be a good idea to make them more attractive/usable.

Public Comment – N/A

Matters no reasonably anticipated in advance of the meeting

- Rental - In order to encourage series of classes, we will offer a discount of ½ price when booking 4 sessions at a time.

Motion to adjourn

- KC moved, AV 2nd, all approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting:

- Date: to be scheduled
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Cultural Center, 37 Millyard, Gallery Unit, Amesbury, MA

Submitted by Bonnie Brady.

