The scheduled meeting of the Groton Cultural Council (GCC) was called to order by Chair Judy Romatelli on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:10 p.m. at the Groton Public Library. Present were Judy Romatelli, Nancy Muller, Cyndy Davidson, Leslie Lathrop, Olive Cote, and non-voting (student) member Haley Traverse. Absent were Kathleen Phelps and Harris McWade.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting, submitted jointly by Nancy Muller and Cyndy Davidson, were approved unanimously, under a motion by Romatelli, seconded by Davidson.

**Involvement with Grantees**

The group discussed how to be more involved in the FY2025 grantees and agreed, based on the assigned grant applicants during the review process in the Fall, to attend one or more funded events during the spring and summer of 2025. Romatelli distributed again the Google doc of assignments and approved grantees.

It was agreed that Letters to the Editor of *The Groton Herald* are a good means of local publicity, following such events, including photos taken. It was agreed there needs to be greater effort on our parts to retain more funding within the town of Groton and thus encourage more prospective grantees. Romatelli will seek to obtain a list of all not-for-profit organizations listed within the town of Groton who may be potential prospects.

**2025 Reception**

Sunday, April 27th 3-5 p.m. was agreed as the “reception” to celebrate FY25 grantees. Romatelli will pursue free space at The Groton Center and Prescott Community Center. Davidson will ask about space at First Parish Church in Groton.

Muller offered to undertake advance Publicity. Lathrop offered to issue personalized email invitations to the Groton Select Board, state representatives, and all grantees, as well as to bring tablecloths.

Olive offered to organize and assign among members responsibilities for refreshments, including nametags, napkins, paper plates etc. once headcount is better known closer to the event. She also offered to create for FaceBook an open invitation to the public, using Google Form for an RSVP, to the April 2025 reception.

Romatelli and Davidson will bring flowers, seeking donations from Trader Joe’s in Acton.

Haley will create in CANVA a poster for FaceBook with timelines to solicit new FY26 applicants.

The next meeting of the Groton Cultural Council is Tuesday, March 18th, at 7 p.m. at the Groton Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Nancy Muller, Secretary

March 18, 2025