The scheduled meeting of the Groton Cultural Council (GCC) was called to order by Chair Judy Romatelli on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:07 p.m. at the Groton Public Library. Present were Judy Romatelli, Nancy Muller, Cyndy Davidson, Leslie Lathrop, Olive Cote, and Kathleen Phelps. Absent were non-voting (student) member Haley Traverse and Harris McWade.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously, under a motion by Lathrop and seconded by Romatelli.

**Plans for the Grantee Reception**

The location of the April 27th Reception to spotlight FY25 Grantees has not been determined. Romatelli is following up with The Groton Center, while Davidson requests space at First Parish Church of Groton. As soon as this is determined, Muller can issue news releases to area publications and the poster made by Cote inviting the public can be digitally posted.

The agenda for the reception was discussed. It was agreed to include information on how attendees can apply for a FY26 grant from the GCC.

As soon as RSVPs are tallied closer to the event, Cote will alert GCC members on quantities of food for each member to bring.

**Involvement with Grantees**

The group discussed again how to be more involved in the events of FY25 grantees and agreed, as at a previous meeting it agreed, to individually attend one or more funded events during the spring and summer of 2025, based on the assigned grant applicants during the review process last Fall. Phelps commented that we should generally attend as many grantee functions as possible, regardless of assigned reviews. Davidson distributed again the Google doc of assignments and approved grantees.

**Other Topics**

Romatelli shared that she had recently met a member of the Townsend Cultural Council. While a possibility of combining councils, as some across the state have done to fund projects with a wider, larger scope, the group agreed that its current thinking is to keep our focus Groton-specific, especially in light of the effort underway by Destination Groton to have Groton established by Massachusetts as a “Cultural District.” Romatelli is on a task force to enable application by Destination Groton to achieve this designation, aimed at boosting Groton’s attractiveness for tourism.

The need to update Groton’s Facebook Page was again discussed. Phelps has the administrative login capability and is sharing this with Romatelli, as she had previously with Lathrop.

There being no further business, Lathrop motioned the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Romatelli. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Muller, Secretary