The scheduled meeting of the Groton Cultural Council (GCC) was called to order by Chair Judy Romatelli on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:10 p.m. at the Groton Public Library. Present were Judy Romatelli, Nancy Muller, Cyndy Davidson, Leslie Lathrop, Olive Cote, Kathleen Phelps, and non-voting (student) Haley Traverse. Absent was Harris McWade.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously, under a motion made by Romatelli and seconded by Cote.

**Plans for the Grantee Reception**

Muller reported she had sent a letter to *The Groton Herald* which subsequently published notification of the reception in two weekly issues. Also notified by her were: *The Harvard Press*, *The Lunenburg Ledger*, the *Nashoba Valley Voice*, and the *Groton-Dunstable Living Magazine*. Additionally notices were sent to the seven editions of *Acton Unlimited* for towns in the surrounding area but they bounced back as undeliverable. Cote posted notices on FaceBook. After some discussion, it was decided to cancel the Reception scheduled on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, and put energy towards a “workshop” as an Info Session in the early Fall to encourage applicants for the coming fiscal year. Muller said that she will notify *The Groton Herald* that we are cancelling the April 27th Reception. Lathrop said that she would notify all those she had invited earlier about the cancellation. Cote will place a similar notice on FaceBook.

**Info Session in the Fall**

Davidson suggested making the workshop a ZOOM meeting on a weekday evening to get greater participation. Agreeing on a start time of 7:00 p.m., the group discussed possible dates, and it was generally agreed that Monday, September 15th should be targeted. Discussion turned to possible locations. Davidson will seek Vestry permission to use the Great Room in the Parish House of First Parish Church. Muller will check with Town Hall on September availabilities. Cote noted that according to its website, Legion Hall is available. Lathrop will ask about possibly booking it. The Library was also suggested, and Romatelli offered to pursue its availability. Muller offered to compare the list of last year’s approved grantees to this year’s applicants to determine which, if any, failed to apply for another grant in FY 2024-2025.

**Soliciting New Members to the Council**

Romatelli said that Periwinkle will be at Williams Barn for the farmer’s market in Groton held on Fridays during July through September. Traverse offered to produce a flyer to share, and Muller is sending her the flyer she produced for last year’s Grotonfest.

It was suggested that we should promote application for grants in this same venue and others during the summer. Davidson suggested we leave flyers at the locations where artists buy supplies. Lathrop said The NFP Council in Groton meets quarterly and its next meeting is May 15th at 9 a.m. Lathrop can attend and will contact McWade to see if she is also available to speak, both about Council membership opportunities as well as opportunities for grants for qualified NFP organizations.

**Future Meetings of the Council**

The next meeting date of the Groton Cultural Council is May 20th at the library. Romatelli will post the agenda with the Town. No meetings are scheduled in June or July. We will resume meeting in August, on Tuesday, August 19th. We will continue to meet the third Tuesday of the month in FY 2025-2026.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Romatelli made the motion at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Phelps.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Muller, Secretary