

The scheduled meeting of the Groton Cultural Council (GCC) was called to order by Chair Judy Romatelli on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Public Library in the small conference room. Present were Judy Romatelli, Nancy Muller, Cyndy Davidson, Leslie Lathrop, Kathleen Phelps, and non-voting (student) member Haley Traverse. Absent was Olive Cote.

Minutes

Minutes of the 2 December 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Reception for Grantees

After consulting calendars and the local public school spring break, Sunday, April 12 was selected as the date for a Reception to spotlight grantees. It was agreed that since we missed hosting a reception last year, we would invite both FY2025 and FY2026 grantees this year. A time of 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. was chosen. The Groton Public Library's Sibley Hall was confirmed during the meeting as available and was booked immediately by Lathrop. Names of various individuals were suggested as additional invitees.

Traverse agreed to create a graphic for the invitation. Phelps offered to send Muller email addresses of all grantees. A "save the date" notice was suggested, and Muller agreed to send and track the invitations using an evite. Davidson offered to post the event on FaceBook. Romatelli said she would send a notice to *The Groton Herald* newspaper. It was agreed we would review all arrangements and plans at the Cultural Council's next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 17th.

Info Session

Brief mention was made of hosting an Info Session in the early Fall to encourage grant proposals. It was agreed that last year's Info Session in September at First Parish Church was well attended and successful. The suggestion was made to schedule the date well in advance of the October 1st deadline for the online submission of proposals to optimize the number of submissions. No definitive plans were made.

FY2027 Guidelines and Priorities

Discussion of the Council's guidelines and priorities, using the questions Phelps had framed in an AI generated survey for all to consider. It was agreed to continue discussion at a meeting in the spring so they can be forwarded to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for uploading.

New Business

Leslie Lathrop resigned from the Council and left the meeting.

Romatelli said she would follow up with Ellen Wetmore to invite her to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Nancy Muller

POSTED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approve minutes
4. Find date/place for grantee reception
3. Discuss council's guidelines and priorities
4. Discuss date/place for September info session
5. Status of SpringTown Meeting Announcement
6. New Business
7. Adjournment