

GCC Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

Attending: Judy R, Kathleen P, Olive C, Cyndy D, Ellen W

Absent: Nancy M, Haley T

Location: Groton Public Library, Historical Room

Agenda:

- I. Call to order, 7:05pm
- II. Introduction of new member, Ellen Wetmore
- III. Approve prior minutes - Deferred to next meeting
- IV. Planning and updates for the Grantee Reception in April
 - A. **Date:** Meeting is on Sunday, April 12, 2026
 - B. **Location/Time:** Sibley Hall, Groton Public Library, 2-4pm
 - C. **Invitations, who will distribute and in what form (an email, evite?):**
Nancy and/or Cyndy will create an invitation on Evite using our Council's email address. This will allow us to easily collect RSVP's. Kathleen will send email addresses for the grant recipients from both years.

Invitation list:

- 1. All current grant recipients 2025 AND recipients from 2024
- 2. Groton Select Board
- 3. Representative Margaret Scarsdale
- 4. Congresswoman Lori Trahan
- 5. Senator John Cronin
- 6. MCC (Mass Cultural Council) contacts:
 - a) Dan Blask (Program Manager for Artists and Youth)
 - b) Lisa Simmons (Community Initiative Program Manager)
 - c) Greg Torrales, (Program Officer with the Communities Initiatives Team)
- 7. Beth Dahlal, Program Director, GPL
- 8. Non Profit Council in Groton
- 9. Megan Donovan, Executive Director, Prescott Community Center,

10. Destination Groton
11. Joni Parker-Roach, town member
12. Groton art teachers and theatre teachers
13. Lawrence Academy and Groton School?
14. Invite the public! (through Facebook and Groton Herald)
15. Groton Interfaith Community
16. Historical Society
17. NRWA, Community Programs Director, Wynne Treanor-Kenvold
18. Groton Hill Music Center
19. The Groton Center,
20. Nashoba Valley Choral
21. Nashoba Valley Artist Guild
22. Rise Arts Collaborative at Prescott
23. Post in the What's Happening section in the Groton Herald

D. Timeline/speakers:

1. Olive will create a presentation with a welcome message, listing our grant recipients from both 2025 and 2024.
2. We discussed offering handouts (including basic info about our Council and how to become a member; information about our fall meeting on Sept 15, 2026, 7-8pm (I DIDN'T CATCH THE LOCATION); refreshments; and give-aways.
3. **Refreshments:** We decided that we would serve light refreshments.

V. Begin discussions to update our local grant guidelines under MCC:
Deferred until next meeting

VI. We also discussed:

1. Switching our monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of the month (instead of the third Tuesday) starting in Sept 2026 (Sept 8). Note, we hold meetings between Sept - May (no June, July or August)
2. Setting up sessions to help people with grant applications in the fall when grant season is upon us.
3. Next meeting is on March 17 at GPL
4. **To Do's:**
 - Olive will email Kara C at Town Hall the slide/welcome message we want to share at Town Meeting on May 2
 - Info session date in Sept
 - MOney is avail
 - Grant deadline

- Looking for members
- Email address/contact information
- Grab a handout at the table
- Ellen will take a look at creating a new logo for our Council
- Kathleen will give emails to Nancy for 2024 and 2025 grant recipients
- Cyndy and Judy will create an invitation for the spring reception on Evite using GCC email address.
- Nancy is going to send out the Evite invitation.
- Cyndy will create an event for the grantee reception on the Council's Facebook page

VII. **Adjourn:** Judy moved to adjourn meeting, Olive seconded, passed unanimously at 8:26pm.