

GCC Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

Attending: Judy R, Kathleen P, Nancy M, Olive C, Haley T, Cyndy D

Absent: Ellen Wetmore

Location: Historical Room, Groton Public Library

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Judy Romatelli
- II. Nancy shared that she is leaving the Council at the end of this fiscal year, in June 2026. She has been an integral part of the Council for the past 3 years filling the role of Secretary for most of them. Thank you, Nancy! We will miss you and your incredible dedication to the Council and bringing quality programs in the arts to the town of Groton.
 - A. Judy reminded us that the Local Cultural Council guidelines state that we must have a minimum of 5 active members in order to receive grant money from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Without Nancy, we will have 5 active members.
- III. Review prior Minutes from past several months:
 - A. November 4, 2025 - Olive moved to approve, Kathleen seconded, passed unanimously
 - B. December 2, 2025 - Judy moved to approve, Nancy seconded, passed unanimously
 - C. January 6, 2026 - Meeting was cancelled
 - D. January 13, 2026 - Nancy moved to approve, Kathleen seconded, passed unanimously.
 - E. January 20, 2026 - Nancy moved to approve, Kathleen seconded, passed unanimously
 - F. February 17, 2026 - Kathleen moved to approve, Nancy seconded, passed unanimously
 - G. March 17, 2026 - *No official meeting was held because we did not post an agenda on the Town website.
 - H. April 21, 2026 - Meeting was cancelled since we didn't have a quorum
- IV. Confirm our local guidelines to submit to MCC for posting on the their website:

- A. Guidelines are due at the end of August,
 - B. Kathleen and Judy will update our guidelines and send to all members for review.
 - C. Voting to approve guidelines will be at our next meeting on June 16, 2026.
- V. Our Informational session for the public will be held on September 15, 2026 at Prescott. The outline for our plans so far:
 - A. Publicity -
 - 1. Olive will publicize on GCC's Facebook page
 - 2. Judy will send a press release (x2 weeks) to the Groton Herald
 - 3. Cyndy will send out email blasts to people on GCC list
 - B. We will need to create powerpoint slides to introduce the Council and the grant process
 - C. Council members will speak
 - D. Ask past grantees to share
 - E. Allow time for questions from guests
- VI. Update on new logo, moved to the next meeting
- VII. Other business:
 - A. Community survey - The survey is supposed to help us with our guidelines and priorities as a Council.
 - 1. Kathleen created one in February and will send it out asap. Other Council members will share it on their social media
 - 2. Nancy contacted Destination Groton to see if they would help promote our survey on their website which they agreed to do.
 - B. Judy - LCC's can apply for a grant from our own Council
 - C. Upon graduating from high school this month, Haley's term as our Non-Voting Student Member has ended. Haley, we will miss you and wish you so much luck in your next chapter!
 - 1. Judy will reach out to the High School Guidance Dept and one of the art teachers for help finding a new student representative
 - D. June 16 is next meeting, 7pm in Historical Room at the Library
 - E. Reminder that starting in September 2026, our meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, September - June.

VIII. Judy moved to adjourn the meeting, Nancy seconded, passed unanimously at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Davidson

Secretary, Groton Cultural Council

ADD Nancy -

Re: the survey, I offered at the last meeting to contact Destination Groton to ask if they could help publicize our survey since its own recent survey had experienced hundreds of respondents. Subsequent to the meeting, I immediately contacted Greg and he agreed to post a link to our survey on its website. There were no privacy issues with doing so.

Posted agenda, Groton Cultural Council

May 19, 2026, 7pm

Historical Room, Groton Public Library

Agenda:

- Call to order
- Review and approval of prior months minutes
- Outline plans for informational session on Sept 15, 2026
- Confirm our local guidelines to submit to MCC for posting on the MCC website
- Update on new logo
- Other business
- Adjourn