

Groton Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

Attending: Judy R, Kathleen P, Ellen W, Cyndy D, visitor Stephanie Georgopoulos

Location: Groton Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room

- I. Call to order 7:04pm
- II. Review and approval of Minutes from June 2026 meeting
 - A. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Finalize plans for informational session on Sept 15, 2026
 - A. Judy R represented Periwinkle Glassworks at an event for local artists in Townsend, MA. It was a great opportunity to talk with members of the Townsend, MA Local Cultural Council (LCC). Greg Torales from the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) was there. **He wants Groton's Cultural Council to collaborate with Townsend's Cultural Council on the informational session we are hosting on Sept 15.**
 - B. Slide presentation - Kathleen P is going to update the slides and welcome people.
 - C. Judy R will invite Townsend's LCC to our 9/15 meeting.
 - D. Judy R will make signs to post on sandwich boards (that Cyndy D will supply).
- IV. Approve our local guidelines to submit to the MCC
 - A. Since we still don't have five or more people on our Council, we weren't able to submit our new proposed guidelines by the deadline of 8/28/2026. We will continue to use the guidelines that we used last year which are the basic guidelines from the MCC.
- V. Update on new logo (Ellen W)
 - A. We unanimously accepted one! Thank you, Ellen!
- VI. Other business
 - A. We would like to recruit more members to the Council. We currently only have 4 members.
 - B. Our next meeting is on October 20th in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Groton Public Library.
 - C. Our financial report is due on Oct 8, 2026. Kathleen P is working on this and will let us know if she needs any input.

- D. The grant cycle is now open through Oct 15.
- E. There is a FY27 Local Cultural Council member training for writing financial reports. This only applies to Kathleen P.
- F. Cyndy D will look at Greg Torales's emails for other trainings.
- G. We would really like to find a HS representative. Judy R reached out to a guidance counselor at Groton Dunstable Regional High School.
- H. Ellen W will look into creating a flyer to entice local High School teachers to apply for grants.
- I. We discussed ideas for local places to post flyers to reach the Groton community to entice people to join the Council and/or to apply for grants - ideas were Blackbird Cafe, Prescott Community Center, Dolce Amar Bakery, Groton Wellness, the Superintendent's Office, the Talk About Groton listserve, local Facebook groups, Town Hall, the Arts Booster at the HS...

VII. Adjourn

- A. Adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyndy Davidson
Secretary, Groton Cultural Council
Groton, MA

Posted Agenda

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