

**CARLISLE CULTURAL COUNCIL Minutes**

Friday May 5, 2023 via Zoom

8:30 AM

**Attending:** Debbie Bentley, Dan Lennon, Mark Levitan, Ann Quenin, Alain Bojarski

**Guests:** Vrinda Pathak

**Not Attending:** Jenn Albanese, Preston Holleman

**Minutes Approved On:** 6/16/23

1. Call to Order by Mark at 8:33 AM

2. New Business

A. Town Meeting article 13 – Corey Auditorium Lighting

This warrant article was initiated by the Carlisle School Committee to seek funds to replace the antiquated and troublesome lighting system at Corey Auditorium and is supported by the Select Board and the FinCom. After a brief discussion about the auditorium's value to cultural and other events that take place there, Debbie moved that the Cultural Council supports article 13 in the FY24 Town Warrant. Second by Dan. Roll call vote: Debbie Bentley (aye), Dan Lennon (aye), Mark Levitan (aye), Ann Quenin (aye), Alain Bojarski (aye). Motion carried 5-0-0. Debbie agreed to convey the Council's support at Town Meeting.

B. Grant request – Race Amity Day

Due to a health issue on the part of a Race Amity Day committee member, they missed the deadline to apply for the 2023 Winter Grant cycle. They approach us in April to see if we could support them. Alain expressed concern that allowing a group to be granted funds after missing a deadline would send the wrong message to other applicants. Mark expressed support for the cultural aspects of the RAD program and suggested providing that the Council could provide a discretionary grant from local funds which the Council has done in the past for the Cheer Project and the Poppy project. Other members spoke in support of Race Amity Day as an important cultural event, and in favor of awarding a discretionary grant. The original grant request was \$550. The consensus of the Council was to award \$350. Mark moved to award \$350 to Carlisle Race Amity Day from local funds on a reimbursement basis. Second by Ann Roll call vote: Debbie Bentley (aye), Dan Lennon (aye), Mark Levitan (aye), Ann Quenin (aye), Alain Bojarski (aye). Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Next meeting – Friday, May 26, 8:30 AM via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Levitan