

Town of Southborough, MA
Southborough Cultural Arts Council (SCAC) Meeting
Senior Center / Cordaville Hall Rooms A&B
9 Cordaville Road Southborough, MA 01772

May 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Rajani Kumari, Jane Gates, Kate Heusner, Nicole Boloz, Liz Kesselman

Minutes

1. Approval of 3/18/25 Meeting Minutes
2. Chair report - Kate
 - a. We have a \$4K initial budget from the Town with intention to request additional funds annually
 - i. Funds can be used for a variety of initiatives, including the ability to grant outside of the specific LLC parameters, participation in Town-wide events (like Heritage Day), funding the annual grant reception and an annual artist lecture and will also allow for a "catalyst" grant from the SCAC
 - b. The Town has a settlement from the Opioid settlement and Kate shared how some other towns are tying these funds into art initiatives. Kate to continue to pursue various opportunities.
3. Discussion of ways that we could support the Town's art in other ways, in a less formal way to increase art in the town at-large
 - a. Jane shared experience from the Westborough SCAC initiatives, specifically the desire to support more public art
 - b. Discussion of either broadening the scope of SCAC and/or forming a separate volunteer arm and/or a subcommittee of the SCAC
4. Treasurer report - Rajani
 - a. Update on status. Some still outstanding. Grantees have until Jan. 8, 2026 to submit receipts.
5. Debrief SCAC Annual Grant Reception
6. Set meeting calendar for FY26 -Tuesdays 7:00 pm: September 16, October 28, November 18 and December 16, January 20, February 24, March 17, skip April and do

reception in April (likely week of April 27) - Kate to contact Ryan for date re: dates, last meeting of the year will be May 19

7. Consensus and Prioritization of summer strategies:
 - a. Promotion of FY26 grant cycle - emulate last summer's outreach - create visibility and excitement for the Grant Cycle in the fall
 - i. Share Grant Cycle Dates in June on FB, Mysouthborough.com and recruitment
 - ii. Do an Open Hours FAQ Session in August over zoom
 - b. Plan for Heritage Day - Liz to email Rec re: tent and research community art ideas

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm