



Town of Bridgewater
Cultural Council

December 9, 2025

7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 840 8238 0319

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, and the June 30, 2027, extension granted by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance is permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) November 19, 2025
 - b) December 9, 2025
- C. Public Comment**
- D. New Business**
 - a) FY26 Grant Submittals — Final Decisions
- E. Old Business**
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**

Bridgewater Cultural Council November 19, 2025 meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Theo Simeoni. Members in attendance were President Theo Simeoni, Joyce Pitta, Nora Tarr and Jane Meyrick. The minutes of the November 8, 2025 were posted and President Simeoni moved that the November 5, 2025 minutes be approved and was seconded by Nora Tarr and Jane Meyrick.

Joyce Pitta said she had heard from Girls, Inc regarding the options for Bridgewater students and was told that posters would be posted in Bridgewater Middle and High Schools. Also 10% of their prior students were from Bridgewater. Joyce Pitta also heard from Mr. Bruce regarding the expense for supplies when participants were to bring their own supplies. Mr. Bruce indicated that the expense item was for vases, foam bases, ribbons and etc that are needed to complete their project.

President Simeoni stated that he had received rank choices from Jane Meyrick and Joyce Pitta. Nora Tarr said she had hers and they could be entered now. After they were entered, a discussion was held on denying grant requests that had received the lowest rankings.

A discussion was held on whether we should eliminate some requests because they were geared to certain age groups and it was decided that since it was not part of our criteria or the Mass Cultural Council we would not use it.

President Simeoni averaged the rankings and any below were listed as denied and that eliminated 24 grantees. Members then went through the rest of the grantee requests and voted yes or no. The ones that had a tie vote could possibly be partially funded. Joyce Pitta said that the 4th of July Band stated that they would need the full amount requested. Nora Tarr said that we would need to be sure to place our Bridgewater Cultural Council signs to show they were funded by the Cultural Council. President Simeoni said he would like to see the Juneteenth and Music Festival funded because he thought they would bring in people from surrounding towns who could possibly spend money and help the local businesses. Joyce Pitta questioned the cost of the entrance fee to the Music Festival. Any approval letters should state that any funding received from the Cultural Council cannot be used to purchase food items.

President Simeoni to email spreadsheet with items in green were approved and the items in orange members are to enter amounts they would like to be funded. Joyce Pitta reminded members that the minimum amount to be funded is \$250.

After President Simeoni set our next meeting for December 2, 2025, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Pitta, Secretary

Bridgewater Cultural Council December 9, 2025S meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Theo Simeoni. Members in attendance were Theo Simeoni, Nora Tarr, Jane Meyrick and Joyce Pitta. The November 9, 2025 minutes will be approved at our next meeting.

After opening the meeting and setting an agenda for discussing grant approvals so denial letters can be sent out, President Simeoni had to leave the meeting. Acting President Jane Meyrick opened the meeting for discussion. Nora Tarr said she was not comfortable making these decisions without a full board present. A discussion was held on what criteria would be used for denial letters. Denial letters need to state a reason for not meeting some part of our criteria.

Meeting was postponed until next Monday December 15, 2025 and was adjourned at 7:40 by Acting President Jane Meyrick and seconded by Joyce Pitta

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Pitta Secretary