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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

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Board/Committee Name: Cultural Council

Date: September 18, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Large meeting room, Winchester Public Library
80 Washington Street, Winchester MA 01890

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Agenda

1. Approval of August 21 meeting minutes
2. Grant-writing Workshop
3. Community discussion: ideas for cultural development, suggestions for new projects, consideration of funding priorities
4. Call for new members
5. Other business



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Grant workshop, community discussion of cultural projects & priorities

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 7 pm
Winchester Public Library, Large Meeting Room

The Winchester Cultural Council is holding a community meeting that will include a **grant-writing workshop** and a forum for **community comments** about how best to support the arts and culture in the future. All are welcome!

GET A GRANT

Every year, Massachusetts distributes money to the 329 local cultural councils throughout the state, to be given away as grants that support local cultural activities. **The deadline for applications is October 15** of each year. Application information is at <http://www.winchesterculturalcouncil.org/grants>.

At the meeting, WCC members will give tips for writing a good proposal and will answer questions about grant requirements and local priorities.

WINCHESTER'S CULTURAL FUTURE

This year there have been some exciting new cultural developments in Winchester.

- For the first time, the town of Winchester is directly supporting the Cultural Council with a small but important budget allotment.
- The **Winchester Cultural District** was approved on August 27. The district provides a framework for possible future programming and also, through its governing partnership, connects the cultural, business, and government organizations in town.

How should we take advantage of this good fortune? Should start a new program, improve infrastructure, or just do more of what we're already doing?

Some past suggestions have included:

- A Winchester Porchfest;
- Better cultural information—signs, arts calendars, and online resources;
- More collaborations between artists and local businesses (like Art in August);
- Records preservation projects (like Mass Memories or the Legacy Winchester project);
- Increasing involvement by all members of the community, including Youth and students, Seniors, and members of all cultural groups;

"Culture" includes visual arts, crafts, music, dance, theater, photography and video, books and literature, history, and far more. **Do some areas need particular support?**

Come to the meeting, share your ideas, and learn how to contribute to our bright cultural future!