

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

Laura Burke .....	2007
Susan Tripp .....	2007
Pat Bensefeler .....	2008
Kate Weiss-Gordon, Chair.....	2008
Susan Membrino .....	2011
Peter Vincent.....	2011

The Bolton Cultural Council (BCC) is part of a grass-roots network of 335 local councils that serve every city and town in the Commonwealth. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), which then allocates funds to each local council. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by the BCC, a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

The Bolton Cultural Council met on November 7, 2005 with the primary objective of reviewing grant applications and determining grant awards in accordance with the MCC guidelines.

As funding is payable to the grant applicant only upon satisfactory completion of the project within the year, any residual funding is re-granted. The MCC allocation of \$2,500 combined with residual funding of \$300 allowed for \$2,800 in grant funding to be awarded in FY06.

As dictated by MCC regulations, the Town receives funds from the MCC and releases funds to the grant recipients after the approval of the BCC. The Town provides the BCC with meeting space as needed.

### **BCC Funding Priorities**

Preference will be given to Bolton-based non-profit organizations and artists for projects that will benefit the Bolton community.

Preference will also be given to non-profit organizations from towns adjacent to Bolton for projects in which Bolton residents participate and/or serve Bolton residents.

Potential applicants based outside of Bolton or the surrounding communities are expected to secure sponsorship with an organization in Bolton.

### **FY06 Grant Awards**

Bolton Council on Aging  
Florence Sawyer School PAC  
The Fruitlands Museum  
Fitchburg Art Museum

Friends of the Bolton Public Library  
Marjorie Morgan  
Harvard Pro Musica  
Sounds of Stow

The Bolton Cultural Council welcomes new members as well as input and involvement from Bolton residents.