

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Tripp.....	2007
Pat Bensetler	2008
Kate Weiss-Gordon, Chair	2008
Susan Membrino	2011
Peter Vincent	2011
Elizabeth Nolan Connors	2012
Michelle Simpson.....	2012
Tricia Sohl-Dickson.....	2012

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 October 30, 2006 with the primary objective of reviewing grant applications and determining grant awards in accordance with the MCC guidelines.

The MCC allocation allowed for \$4,000 in grant funding to be awarded in FY07. The funding was increased for FY07 as the Massachusetts Legislature increased funding to the MCC. Funding is payable to the grant applicant only upon satisfactory completion of the project within the year; any residual funding is re-granted.

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

Friends of the Bolton Public Library; Bolton Council on Aging; Florence Sawyer School Parents Advisory Council; Harvard Pro Musica; Sounds of Stow; Audio

Journal; Florence Sawyer School student field trip to The Bostonian Society at the Old State House; Symphony Pro Musica; DeCordova Museum & Sculpture Park; Village Theatre Project; Hudson Arts Alliance; and Tower Hill Botanical Garden.

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