

MINUTES

Otis Cultural Council May 20, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person.

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:15 p.m. Present: Jeanne Randorf, Carole Burke, Arlene Tolopko, Deb Fogel, Susan Hicks, Tricia Smith
- II. **Approval of the minutes of December 18, 2024:** Deb Fogel approved the minutes, and Arlene Tolopko seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Chair Report (Jeanne):**
 - A. Deb Fogel and Arlene Tolopko are on hiatus as of July 1.
- IV. **Financial Report (Shanon was not at the meeting):**
 - A. The Cultural Council's \$6,000 from the town was approved at the town meeting.
 - B. Jeanne has asked Heidi Utenis for all school receipts.
 - C. Revitalization Committee: The Cultural Council will pay their bills with their money. The council members supported this.
- V. **Otis Celebration Day (June 13).**
 - A. The Cultural Council is sponsoring the music (Bobby Sweet, The Juckets, The Monday Project, Bruce Mandell, Eric (Paige's), and Larry and Leslie).
 - B. Carole, Susan, and Margie will be volunteering at the event.
 - C. Margie will be supervising the gardening activity for the children.
- VI. **Beautify Otis Program**
 - A. Two barrels have been replaced, and the barrel at Fratelli's will be moved to its original location under the sign.
 - B. The flower coupons are at the Garden Center for the gardeners to pick up.
- VII. **Other Business**
 - A. The committee agreed that Bill Benefiel can apply for a grant to teach participants how to create a cheese board/
 - B. Tricia inquired about additional grants for OPT, and asked whether they have gotten paid for their grant for the Notice Otis series.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carole Burke