

MINUTES
Otis Cultural Council
June 18, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person.

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:11 p.m. Present: Jeanne Randorf, Carole Burke, Arlene Tolopko, Deb Fogel, Susan Hicks, Tricia Smith, Margie Klein
- II. **Approval of the minutes of May 21, 2025:** Susan Hicks motioned to approve the minutes, and Arlene Tolopko seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Chair Report (Jeanne):**
 - A. Membership Status: Each member must take a year off every 6 years. Shanon Albee's term is up on June 30, 2025. Margie Klein will be sworn in as a new member.
 - B. FY26 Town allotment to the Council: Jeanne requested an additional \$1,000 from the town, and we will now receive \$6,000 from the town.
 - C. Otis Observer submission for July: Jeanne wrote an article for the Observer thanking the gardeners.
 - D. Community table at the Farmer's Market: Tricia is asking for volunteers from the Cultural Council to sit at the table at the Farmer's Market. She needs a bulleted list of the council's responsibilities.
- IV. **Financial Report:**
 - A. Shannon did not attend the meeting.
- V. **Election of New Officers:**
- VI.
 - A. Carole nominated Jeanne to be the Chairperson. Arlene seconded the motion, and all approved.
 - B. Jeanne nominated Carole to be the Secretary. Deb seconded the motion, and all approved.
- VII. **Programs:**
 - A. Beautify Otis Flower Barrels: Sharron DeLevie is gathering pictures of the flower barrels. Jeanne will send these pictures to the Otis Observer.
 - B. Concert Series: Arlene will contact The Juckets to see when they are available. Last year we paid them \$500.00 per concert.
 - C. Events Committee: Carole will chair the committee with Arlene and Susan. Margie will also assist.
- VIII. **Recycling (Deb):**
 - A. The recycling program brings in approximately \$1,250, 3 or 4 times per year.
- IX. **Other Business:**
 - A. Jeanne shared Thank You Notes that were written by children from the school.
 - B. The next meeting will be on July 16, 2025.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Carole Burke