

# Milford Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
Room 14, Milford Town Hall

**\*This meeting replaces the September 17 meeting\***

**Members Present:** Vinnie Kiejzo, Geri Eddins, Jim Buckley, Christine Daddario, Michael Visconti, Molly Auger, Patricia Salomon, Jenny Lyons, Bryan Cole, Nicole Romiglio  
**Members Absent:** Michael Lalime, Christopher Vendetti, Marcia Macri

A. Welcome and Call to Order: New Member Christine Daddario

B. Invitation to Speak: none

C. Introduction: Paul Surapine of Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra: Paul offered insight regarding the possibility of Claflin Hill returning to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks festivities. Priced at \$20k, this is not something MCC can fund entirely but could potentially look into helping seek corporate sponsorship via LCC endorsement.

- Jim Buckley made a motion to establish a subcommittee regarding this project, motion was seconded by Michael Visconti. Vote: unanimous

-Jenny Lyons noted that having LCC endorsement may be a slippery slope, in that other ventures may expect the same support.

D. Review and Approve Minutes of August 20 Meeting – approved unanimously

E. Announcements

- Resignation of Marco Carneiro and appointment of Christine Daddario
- Multiple Term Violations: Geri: “All current membership is within the 6 year term limit”
- Other Announcements: Swearing-in process: ambiguous response regarding whether members need to be sworn in yearly or via first meeting. Advised to get sworn in at town hall to be on safe side.

F. Financial Report

- MA CC Allocation for 2020: \$14,900.
- Balance as of September 17, 2019: Deficit of \$2,590.91 (Zach’s input: Geri)
  - We will allocate the remaining balance of \$12,310.20
- Expenses to be Reimbursed: none
- Create Treasurer Position: Town Counsel Boddy also recommends appointing Vice Secretary and Vice treasurer to take over for following term. This process wouldn’t work as current membership terms are nearly identical. After lengthy discussion, and no volunteers to take treasurer position, a motion was made by Jenny Lyons to table the discussion, seconded by Nicole Romiglio – voted unanimous.

G. Grant Applications: Accepting Now Through October 15

Plan how to review grant applications beginning in November. How was this accomplished previously: Previously one meeting was held and voted upon applications. It was discussed that divying up applications to weed out any that were missing info, etc would make the most sense.

H. Public Art

- Banners: Bryan – Cost would be \$3k all in; it appears the process has already been initiated by another town department. Bryan will follow up with Liz to see if collaboration with LCC would be possible.

## I. Identity, Communications, and Outreach

- Press Release inviting grant applications distributed and flyers to schools: Molly – well received by media outlets and public opinion seems to be positive
- Logo: Added to MCC and Town website pages
- Bylaws: Bryan – Counsel Boddy advised the LCC to call any potential documents “Rules & Regulations” as the term “bylaws” would indicate needing Selectman and/or Town Meeting approval to modify or add items later. Jim Buckley made a motion to table the issue until a later meeting, seconded by Vinnie Kiezjo. Unanimous.

## J. Internal Communication: Geri

- Geri wished to speak to a vague email that was sent by a LCC member to all LCC members questioning her actions. The incident was a clear misunderstanding and it was established that trust given is trust received. Group dynamics are an important and issues between members should be addressed directly, and in a meeting, not via vague accusatory emails.

Next Meeting October 15.

**Standard MCC Calendar**

<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Task</b>
<b>March - April</b>	Seek Community Input.
<b>June</b>	BOS Approves New Appointments and Reappointments.
<b>July</b>	Finalize and Publicize Council Priorities (Post Online by Sept. 1)
<b>August</b>	1) Receive Allocation Amount from MCC. 2) Publicize Grant Program and Distribute Applications.
<b>Sept. – Oct. 15</b>	Accept Grant Applications.
<b>Nov. – Dec.</b>	Review and Approve/Deny Grant Applications.