

Milford Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019, 7pm, Town Hall Meeting Rm 14

I. Call to order

Geri Eddins called to order the regular meeting of the Milford Cultural Council at 7pm on April 4, 2019 at Milford Town Hall Rm 14.

II. Roll call

Present: Geri Eddins, Bryan Cole, Molly Auger, Jim Buckley, Patricia Salomon, Mike Visconti, Marcia Macri, Nicole Romiglio

Absent: Michael Lalime, Meghan Oliveira, Christopher Vendetti , Marco Carneiro

- Quorum was questioned by M. Visconti, as many members were not present. G. Eddins expressed being told by Rick Villani, Town Administrator that 7/12 active members would constitute a quorum for the purposes of reorganizing the council since it seemed to carry a heavy burden of inactive members that could not be reached by varying methodologies. Current count seems to include 4 inactive/unresponsive members, 2 recent resignations (J. Lebreque resigned in August, per BOS meeting notes, and T. Reilly sent resignation within past week) and one active member unable to attend this particular meeting. Total members: 16 – 8 represented.
- M. Visconti recommends receiving these quorum instructions in writing from R. Villani, and decides to abstain from voting during meeting due to question of quorum
- J. Buckley makes a motion to move on, P. Salomon seconds the motion – noting that historically attendance has been very low –
Voted: unanimous to continue

III. Elect Chairman

Motion is made by J. Buckley to nominate a chair. J. Buckley nominate G. Eddins, M. Visconti seconds the motion to nominate.

- M. Visconti suggest past members may be a more appropriate chair, to bring experience.
J. Buckley motions to close nominations and moves to vote. B. Cole seconds motion to move to vote.
- Vote: Unanimous to nominate G. Eddins as Chair

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IV. Elect Vice Chairman

Motion is made by M. Visconti to nominate B. Cole as vice-chair. J. Buckley seconds the motion to nominate.

Vote: Unanimous to nominate B. Cole as Vice-Chair

V. Elect Clerk

Motion is made by M. Visconti to nominate N. Romiglio as clerk. M. Auger seconds the motion to nominate.

Vote: Unanimous to nominate N. Romiglio as Clerk

VI. Review & Approve Unpaid Invoices

The current balance sheet was made available to all members, indicating a current available balance of \$8,711.73.

G. Eddins will look into any outstanding financial commitments, as well as P. Salomon reaching out to her contacts to see if anything is outstanding

Current outstanding invoice furnished by Z. Taylor to pay Scott Jameson, magician who performed at the Library in July of 2018. Outstanding due: \$525.

Motion to pay Mr. Jameson made by P. Salomon, second by J. Buckley

Vote: 7 in favor, 1 abstention (M. Visconti)

VII. Set-up Committee Communications

Members discuss ability/willingness to meet monthly. All agree regular meetings are in best interest of all concerned parties.

Concern regarding continuing attendance/meeting quorum. Discussion about how to handle non-participatory members. Discussion of option: schedule monthly meetings, continue to attempt communication with all members, make recommendations about appointments to BOS in June. J. Buckley recommends that we not establish regular meetings until all members are considered active. B. Cole recommends that the May & June meetings will be scheduled at preceding meeting & decide on a regular schedule following full reorganization of the council.

M. Macri mentions past communication was done through Google Drive link. M.

Visconti notes that the prior council's link is no longer active. G. Eddins will set up meeting with past Cultural Council Chair to receive information.

G. Eddins suggests to have the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7pm. B. Cole to book the location.

Decision is made to have N. Romiglio email draft meeting notes to G. Eddins/R. Villani for distribution among council members. Notes to be voted upon at the start of May meeting.

B. Cole brings up adding more information regarding the Cultural Council to the Town website, including but not limited to: purpose, mission statement, contact information, link to meeting agendas & minutes

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G. Eddins agrees, but suggest we look into any potential bylaws governing this particular Council. She will look into obtaining this information.

VIII. Open Discussion

G. Eddins opened the floor to brainstorm ideas of our vision of cultural council.

M. Macri mentioned the possibility of fundraising for additional funds to be distributed and/or host cultural events. B. Cole expressed need to finances to be handled separately, as state funds cannot co-mingle with separately raised funds. J. Buckley advised that the council look into bylaws concerning whether fundraising is allowed, and how the council would need to go about organizing.

Brainstorming ideas about starting by raising funds for distribution, with goal of growing into hosting events, etc.

B. Cole mentioned wanting to collaborate with Downtown Revitalization Committee, local art programs, and other concerning parties to create intersection outreach

M. Visconti agrees, and would love to see more effort toward Downtown Revitalization that is less concerned with helping landlords, and more toward developing a robust downtown.

B. Cole attended event hosted by Franklin Cultural Council and shared ideas and pamphlet regarding programs they were promoting, also sponsored by MA Cultural Council.

Discussion of possible types of events, art installations, performances, etc.

M. Macri mentioned a desire to see more council members attending sponsored events, and representing the council

J. Buckley made a motion to pause brainstorming until council is fully aware of the parameters of the abilities of the council.

IX. Adjournment

Geri Eddins adjourned the meeting at 8:20

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Romiglio