

Milford Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2019 at 7:00PM **
Room 14, Milford Town Hall

A. Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 PM by Geri Eddins, Chair
- Mike interjected at this point stating that he believed the meeting was illegal due to the fact that we had no quorum because not all members had been sworn in. All other members agreed to continue with meeting and Geri would call town attorney the next day in regards to Mike's claim. Mike wished to go on record that he believed the meeting was illegal.
- Present Members: Geri Eddins, Vinnie Kiejzo, Jim Buckley, Patty Salomon, Bryan Cole, Marcia Macri, Molly Auger, Mike Visconti, and Jenny Lyons.
- Not Present: Nicole Romiglio, Michael Lalime, Meghan Oliveira, Christopher Vendetti, Marco Carneiro

B. Invitation to Speak:

- Christine Daddario discussed and shared visuals in regards to painting electrical boxes to beautify the downtown Milford area. Ownership of the boxes was discussed as well as what other towns have done and what the processes were to accomplish a project such as this. Mike V. noted that this same idea had been proposed and brought forward to town in a meeting with Geri, Bryan, and Larry Dunkin discussing the town's sign bylaws. Determination is not clear as to the ownership of the boxes which once established will impact the idea of this project.

C. Review and Approval of June meeting minutes will be moved to the August Meeting.

D. Announcements:

- Member Cards were distributed by Geri to a few members beginning a new term. It was understood and mentioned that these members must appear at Town Hall with their new cards and get sworn in before the next meeting.
- Thank you note to Mike Shain was passed around for signatures and will be sent.
- Upcoming MCC events are: Library Display, Library Song and Story Events, and Jazz Trio at the Senior Center.
- Marcia will share the video and Power Point Presentation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

E. Financial Report:

- Bank Balance as of July 16, 2019: \$369.80 includes \$20.00 donation from Mike Shain and \$150 deposit from Mendon.
- Geri distributed and explained the discrepancy and deficit origin as well as distributing financial reports from the past two years showing where the error originated in the Annual Reports.

- When all of the grants awarded for the 2019 grant year have been paid (probably in August), we will have a deficit of \$2,445.20. The Town will cover this deficit until we receive our next state allotment in January or February 2020.
- It was also explained how it will be rectified according to the meeting Geri had with the Town Accountant. The plan is to ensure all Annual Reports moving forward are 100% accurate so we do not over-award funds.

F. Identity:

- Vinnie presented two Logo ideas. Positive feedback was discussed with a few small suggestions. Vinnie will make minor revisions and present at next meeting.
- Bylaws: Bryan will email members to dissect proposed bylaws. Mike presented and distributed copies of the “Conflict of Interest” as a supplement to the bylaws for review.
- Molly presented and distributed a copy of the Press Release she compiled. It was accepted and will be sent to several media local outlets.

G. Moving Forward:

- Priorities: Geri discussed that we should focus on getting a broader variety of grant applications to fund. It was discussed that we need more exposure in the community to let citizens know that we exist and that monies are available for such grants other than the usual ones we have granted in the past.
- Brainstorming was done amongst members in regards to getting more exposure and how to do this.
- Geri mentioned that she had reached out to Natick about public art and they are very active in this area.
- Vinnie will make inquiry about the banners. Are there TIF grants available to fund the banners?
- Jim inquired about the deadline for grants to be submitted and Geri stated it was the same deadline for all, which is October 15, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM

****Minutes were respectfully reported by Patty Salomon as a substitute for Nicole Romiglio**