

Milford Cultural Council

Agenda for August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Room 3, Milford Town Hall

A. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. In attendance: Geri Eddins, Vinnie Keizjo, Bryan Cole, Jenny Lyons, Michael Visconti, Jim Buckley, Nicole Romiglio, Marcia Macre
- b. Absent: Molly Auger, Michael Lalime, Patti Salomon, Chris Vendetti, Marco Carneiro, Meaghan Oliveira

B. Introduction:

- a. Luis Cotto from Massachusetts Cultural Council

C. Invitation to Speak

D. Review and Approve Minutes of June 18 and July 16 Meetings

BC motion to approve – MV second – approved unanimous

MV move to approve VK second --- approved unanimous

E. Announcements

- Town Attorney: Member Oaths and Email
 - Oaths have no expiration per town council, C. Boddy
 - MV takes exception, uses TM as example
 - Personal emails become public record as they pertain to cultural council.
 - One member created a new email for corresponding
 - Others keep CC emails in a separate folder
 - MV says we cannot communicate via email – it is a violation.
 - LC says MV is incorrect & will send written info regarding that
- Resignation of Marco Carneiro
 - Sent in letter, missed on BOS agenda meeting last night. He's still a meeting until the BOS accepts his resignation
- All MCC events completed for current grant year
 - Awesome!
- Other Announcements? - NONE

F. Financial Report

- Grant Reimbursements Since Last Meeting:
Maichack Arts, Shining Star PTO, Stephen Lewis, and Davis Bates.
- \$150 Transferred to Community School Use for GMCC
 - From Mendon – it was supposed to go Community Use.
- Balance as of August 20, 2019: -(\$1,685.9) - plus two outstanding payments
- Expenses to be Reimbursed?
- Review of Deficit and How to Move Forward
 - Deficit was discussed and explained – reports to MCC were incorrect and funds were adjusted incorrectly
 - MV concerned about withhold funds – and carry over.
 - LC explained that you can have funds leftover to roll over, you just can count it towards percentages to avoid double-dipping.
 - MV concerned to see that many grants were sent to PTO's – perceived conflict of interest.
 - Discussion tabled until such time that we set granting priorities
 - Moving forward:
 - LC suggested we reach out to Lisa Simmons for guidance through this year

- 2020 State Allocation: Luis Cotto
 - He cannot tell us our allocation yet. State bring budget to governor to sign, then MCC presents to their board. Expected increase. Five year trend: \$8660 - \$11,400
 - Will send us other grant opportunities for us to market

G. Implementing Public Art

- Town Planner's Comments: Bryan
 - Larry Duncan: refer to the planning board regarding public art exceptions to sign bylaw
- Creating a Public Art Policy and Commission: Luis Cotto
 - LC will help the LCC creation language for Public Art policy
 - Create taskforce to include other town committees/departments
 - Will send information and advise as needed
 - Discussion of 15% of funds as it relates to our priorities
- MV Make a motion to present the possibility of a taskforce, second BC. Voted: unanimous
 - Nicole, Jenny, Geri, Bryan to create presentation

H. Identity, Communications, and Outreach

- Press Release introducing MCC to community distributed: radio interview, MDN, and Town Crier, Milford Patch articles.
 - Past recipients, highlight upcoming stuff
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- Public feedback? Email feedback?
 - Positive!
- Logo: Vote
 - NR motion, JL second – unanimous
- Bylaws: Bryan
 - Additions of absence policy
 - Secretary to head communications
- Create Treasurer Position: Mike
 - Motion create treasurer – JB, second VK – voted all but MV – abstains as it doesn't need a vote
 - Nomination: NR table – MM second – voted: unanimous
- Multiple Term Violations: Mike
 - Anyone currently on council that has been on council more than 2 year
 - Geri to look into this via MCC website

I. Moving Forward: LCC Schedule and Priorities

- Milford Cultural Council Priorities
 - Table for next month, near top of meeting
 - BC – research local priorities
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- Public Art Possibilities for 2020 Grant Cycle: Banners?
 - Table for next month – Sept 17th -

J. Any Other Business

Standard MCC Calendar

Timeframe	Task
March - April	Seek Community Input.
June	BOS Approves New Appointments and Reappointments.

July	Finalize and Publicize Council Priorities (Post Online by Sept. 1)
August	1) Receive Allocation Amount from MCC. 2) Publicize Grant Program and Distribute Applications.
Sept. – Oct. 15	Accept Grant Applications.
Nov. – Dec.	Review and Approve/Deny Grant Applications.