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LUDLOW CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2019

- In Attendance: Diane Brouillard, Sharon Clark, Patti DeTomas, Sandra Evans, Nira Flatley, Michelle Goncalves, Susan Gove, and Carla Roberts.
- The current members of the council expressed their welcome and appreciation to the new members. We are now compliant and have a good number of members.
- The council has received \$14,100 for this year's grants. We do have some left from the previous year. Carla has to meet with the town accountant to complete part 1 of the Annual Report for MCC.
- A review of how the application process works was explained to members for the benefit of the new members present. We do meet again in October after the deadline for the applications. We will have printouts to show which grants have been submitted and then members take the next month to decide individually which ones they would approve or deny and for what reasons. The denials are most important only because we have to send out the denial letters first and wait the 30 days before we can send out the approval letters.
- We had a very good discussion about the summer concert series and how we can improve attendance. Many suggestions came up, such as changing days, offering food items or having a ding-dong cart come by at the time of the concerts. Nira will contact the selectmen's office to find out what we need to do for the offering of foods or selling of things like popcorn or hoodsie cups. Changing days can be a problem as pointed out by Carla. When the applications are submitted the people think they are weekend concerts with the rain date being on Wednesday. If we want to change that we would a) have to check with the Recreation Dept and b) call applicants prior to approval to be sure that week days are not an issue. Many people still work during the week and might not be able to do a weekday concert. Carla will

check with Debbie at rec dept to verify if we can change. There was some discussion about switching main day to Wednesday and rain date to Sunday.

- We would also like someone to be responsible for minutes and another person to gather the mail from town hall weekly. Further discussion of this at next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Ludlow Senior Center 6:00 PM

Submitted by Carla Roberts