

Minutes of the Ludlow Cultural Council

May 1, 2023

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The meeting was called to order by Michelle Goncalves at 6:01 pm.

Present at meeting were: Nira Flatley, Michelle Goncalves, Robert Radowski, Sharon Clarke, Susan Amaral, Grace Barone and Larry Goodreau.

Absent: Matt Tibbits

Janet Settembro was present but did not vote on any motions as she had not renewed her term as of this meeting.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Susan Amaral and seconded by Sharon Clarke to approve the minutes dated March 6, 2023 and March 27, 2023. Motion was approved by all members present.

Administrative Updates

- a. Correspondence: We will be able to hold zoom meetings until March 31, 2025.
From Library: Stakeholder Meeting2 will be held on June 12th to discuss Community visioning exercise.
From Mass. Cultural: survey (input from town residents) to be completed by 8/15.
- b. Recent events: Woman of 76, March 29th at Sr. Center attended by Sharon and Bob.
Fairyhous Crafts – MaryJo sent videos of event held at Boys/Girls Club.
- c. Final Reports: received from Women of 76, Sara the Fiddler and Fairy house. Still waiting on a few 2023 contracts.
- d. Purchases and Expenditures: Purchases – none. Expenditures: paid above referenced final reports. \$515 received from vendor space for 9/2023 Community Market.

Planning for Summer Concerts

- a. Jeannie's Weenies will be at all Summer Concerts except August 6th. Discussion followed about talking with Subway across the street again. Michelle to talk to Council on Disability, (sponsor for the concert), maybe they will have a food item.

Planning for Community Market

- a. Motion made by Sharon to accept seven (7) new vendor applications and hold two vendor spots for Sr. Center. Motion was seconded by Grace and was passed by all members present. 15 vendors have paid. At this time, we have 69 vendors for Saturday and 59 for Sunday.

Discussion followed about getting some farms involved. Larry has had a conversation with Rice Farm Market of Wilbraham. He will follow up again to discuss their attendance at

market. A motion was made by Susan to approve Rice Farm as a vendor if they agree.
Motion seconded by Grace and was approved by all members present.

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Discussion followed regarding non-profits paying for vendor application or funds go
back into non-profit, should there be a fee received from them?

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Motion was made by Grace and seconded by Susan that we would not charge a fee to a
non-profit who is raising funds and putting said funds back into their non-profit entity.
Motion was approved by all members present.

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Friends of Sr. Center will have 2 booths together for quilts and ceramics.

- b. Discussion on need of more sponsors followed. We need four more non-profits to sponsor the Gazebo Summer Concerts. We have: Rotary, Sr Center, Council on Disability, 250th Council. Grace will check with Boys and Girls Club for sponsorship at a concert. Lions Club and Zonta were also mentioned as possible sponsors. Larry will talk with Vets and Michelle to reach out to Boy Scouts. Grace will reach out to Alzheimer's, Food Bank, and Rachels Table. Dates still open for concert sponsors are: 7/30, 8/13, 8/20 and 8/27.

First concert is July 16th.

The table fee will be waived for any non-profit that services our town. Non profits still have to fill out the application and be accepted by the LCC so that a table is reserved for them.

- c. Entertainment: Magician, rock panting, Library, fire truck, police, Something Royal, Juggler, face painting, Exit-7 Players to sing Saturday morning.
Music: Ludlow Community Bank – Saturday 12-1:00; Accoustica – Sunday 11-2:00.

Discussion followed regarding Chain Saw Carver (Cody). \$500 for basic demo and quick carves. \$1,500/day = 6 hours and 3 carvings. Board of Selectmen approved LCC to move forward with this entertainment. Advised LCC to check with town Police and Fire Depts. Also, DPW to be sure they will remove any remaining wood chips.

Motion was made by Susan and seconded by Sharon to pursue Chainsaw Carver entertainment up to \$500 for two hours on Saturday. Motion was approved by all members present.

Michelle to follow up with Cody.

- d. Sponsors for Community Market: Grace to reach out to Country Bank, LUSO Credit Union, Pioneer Valley Financial, ERC5 and Coppola windows.

Other items to discuss

Macaroni Kid applied for vendor space. Asked that their fee be waived as they do not charge for their product. Their product is a national newsletter for parents/kids; information on what is happening.

Motion made by Nira Flatley to adjourn. Seconded by Grace. Approved by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: May 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Nira Flatley

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