

Minutes of the Ludlow Cultural Council

September 25, 2023

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Michelle Goncalves called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Present: Bob Radowski, Michelle Goncalves, Janet Settembro, Larry Goodreau, Grace Barone

Absent: Nira Flatley, Sharon Clarke

Approval of minutes

Grace Barone moved to approve the minutes from August 28, 2023. Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Disability Committee Collaborations

Tara Bonner attended the meeting to discuss what the Ludlow Disability Commission is doing. They are known for advocating for handicap parking, but are trying to expand their work including doing a recent presentation at the Senior Center on home renovation grants for accessibility and raising funds for deaf interpretation at Exit 7. They are looking to partner with the library to get a variety of more accessible books.. Tara hoped to partner with the LCC for an accessible event; she was encouraged to submit a grant for funding.

Administrative updates

Correspondence received since last meeting focused on the market. Mass Cultural Council also sent around a reminder to meet with the municipal budget officers. Michelle and Janet are trying to get in touch with them.

Final reports have been received from Henry Lappen, Joan Cavanaugh, Vic Thomas, David Neill, Jay Mankita, the VFW Post, Bad News Jazz, Bad Signs, Charlie Lask, and Acousticca.

Report on Recent Events

- The Bill Eagen concert was canceled for a second time because of rain; discussion occurred around how to reschedule.
 - Discussion occurred on where we could hold indoor concerts when rain cancels our outdoor performances. Places suggested included first church and boys and girls club pavillion.
 - Bob moved to roll the Eagen grant over to 2024. The motion was seconded by Larry and passed unanimously by role call vote.

Grant 2024 funding will be a minimum of \$19,800. We are waiting for the budget forms from the town and state before we know the total amount.

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Summer Concert Survey

Only 31 people have responded to the survey, but most people would like us to keep Sundays but move to 6pm. We will keep the survey open for longer

Preparation for Community Market

Bob will bring an extra table

Volunteers are asked to arrive 8:30/8:45 as vendors will begin setting up at 9 AM.

Exit 7 had to back out due to sickness. They were encouraged to attend to hand out flyers even if they cannot perform.

Adjourn

Janet moved to adjourn, Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm