

Minutes of the Ludlow Cultural Council

January 22, 2024

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The meeting was called to order by Michelle Goncalves at 6:03 pm.

Present at meeting were: Nira Flatley, Michelle Goncalves, Janet Settembro, Bob Raccanti, Pam Hayes, Larry Goodreau and Peggy Bernard

Absent: Grace Barone, Sharon Clarke and Bob Radowski

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Pam Hayes to approve minutes of December 18, 2023. Motion was seconded by Larry Goodreau and was approved by all members present.

Administrative Updates

a. **Correspondence:** Email was received from Mass Cultural Council regarding a survey. Michelle will reply.
Received Holiday cards from Town Clerk and Animal Control Dept.

b. **Recent Events:** No recent events to report.

c. Reports on 2023 and 2024 Contracts or final reports received:

The Bad Signs
Magic for Dining Out Workshop
Blue Skies – free concert
Adventures with the Froggyman
Acousticca at Ludlow Summer Concert Series
WMBB 2024 Holiday brass band concert
Ukuleles for East Street School Music Dept.
Memoirs of an Arabian Princess From Zanzibar

Still missing 14 approved contracts

No final reports to report.

d. **Purchases and Expenditure:** No purchases or expenditures to report.

Continued Discussion of Grant Priorities for 2025

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Members again reviewed and discussed our 2024 Grant Priorities and proposed 2025 Grant Priorities. Council felt it is a good idea to diversify music at the concerts and to bring in something big and different. The following was suggested to be put in our 2025 Grant Priorities: "Each applicant who submits more than 1 application, is encouraged to prioritize their submissions."

Continued Discussion of 2024 Summer Concerts

Reminder: Concert starting time has been moved to 6:00 pm.

Council continues to look at Union Jack (British invasion music) and Changes in Latitude (Jimmy Buffet).

Perhaps Eagles Experience as our first Sunday concert of 2024.

Vanished Valley gave us their past bands listing. \$200-800 for a two-hour performance.

Discussed craft beer at Sunday concerts. One day fee involved and need to fence off area.

A Ludlow native, Jose Pagan, has an 8-piece band that has a following.

Bob Roccanti and Bob Radowsk will continue to check on availability of above-mentioned bands and others.

Motion was made by Nira Flatley to authorize Bob Roccanti to lock in a band for Sunday night concert up to \$1,800. Motion was seconded by Janet Settembro and was approved by all members present.

Michelle will provide concert dates to Bob Roccanti.

Nominations and Vote on officers for 2024

Motion was made by Peggy Bernard to nominate Michelle Goncalves as Chairperson, Pam Hayes as Secretary and Janet Settembro as Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Larry Goodreau and was approved by all members present.

Other items to discuss

Ludlow Cultural Council was invited to have a table/booth at First Night on February 24, 2024. Bob Radowski and Pam Hayes will host a table which will provide information regarding LCC. Bob Roccanti has volunteered to put a "raffle basket" together for this event. They will discuss further with 250th Committee Chair.

More discussion regarding vision for amphitheater at prior Vet's Park Elementary School land. Question was asked if LCC would promote this. Subject of a feasibility study was brought up; cost of this would be approximately \$30,000.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Nira Flatley and was seconded by Pam Hayes. Motion was approved by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Next meeting will be February 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Nira Flatley

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