

WINCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Approved: June 5, 2024

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Winchendon Town Hall 4th Floor Conference Room, 109 Front Street and via Zoom

Present: Jill Sackett (Chair), Joanna Draugsvold (Treasurer), Alexis Chanthachack, Linda Dellasant

Absent: Miranda Jennings, Coral Grout, Molly Velasco, Quinne Richards

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm.

Public Comments

We welcomed Renee Eldredge from the public. She thanks the Council for their work and has applied to join us.

Member Comments

Several Council members provided very positive reviews for the Renaissance Faire, a Council-funded event.

Member Quinne Richards will resigning due to their busy schedule. We discussed recruitment of additional members. Our minimum quorum is 3 (Council must be at least five members; a quorum is half of the membership). Linda and Joanna have some potential new members in mind.

New Business

Linda moved to approve the Minutes for April 17, 2024; Joanna seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

The Cultural Council 2023 public survey results presentation is still being finalized. We will review at next meeting.

The Council received a request from Tiffany Newton, Recreation Commission, to change the Little Mermen Concert from a free event to one charging \$10 admission for those over 12 years of age. The grant application estimated 300 attendees. We discussed offering some free tickets similar to our conditional approval for the Ren Faire. We settled on 10% of predicted attendance, mirroring the percentage of Winchendon residents below poverty level. Linda motioned to change to a *conditional* approval, requiring documentation of 30 free tickets to attendees over 12; Alexis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Alexis passed out the Cultural Council 2024 event brochure; all were very pleased with the final product. Jill will get brochures printed at Town Hall and Alexis will post it digitally on the town website. We will hand it out at the Town Annual Meeting on May 20 and place copies in other public places.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

- Finalize public survey results presentation and discuss logistics for presenting
- Review basic tasks for Cultural Council going forward
- New member recruitment, onboarding

Adjournment

Linda moved to adjourn, Joanna seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.