

Milford Cultural Council:

Agenda for February 20, 2024: Monthly Meeting
Room 14 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Present: Geri Eddins, Sandee Buckley, C.C. Chapman, Joclyn Crivello, Khizra Syeda, Jenny Lyons, Christina Weich, Martin Montoya

Absent: Aboighasem Moazeni, Sara Vono-Caires, Denise Tracy, Noressa Santomena, Michele Pici

B. Review and Approve Minutes of January 23 Meeting

Motion made by Sandee to accept, Martin seconded. Unanimous

C. Invitation to Speak

No One present.

D. Financial Report: Martin (*Exhibit 1*)

- Balance \$1,844.22

- Reimbursements and Deposits

Nothing new submitted, motion by Christina to accept, seconded by Martin. Unanimous

E. Old Business

- 2024 Grants Status (*Exhibit 2*)

Half of the grantees paperwork has been sent in, calls have been made to the other half

- 2024 Membership

Ex Officio status was accepted, Rick Villani emailed about it

- Public Art Status and Plans

- Tables and Barrels: Parks Dept. stored them all during the winter for protection

- Downtown Murals:

Town Park: 2/20 presented to Parks Dept; all commissioners unanimously approved our first design choice. Artist was called to let her know she was the winner, but would need to tweak the color palette per BCBS MA. Next, speak with the Select Board and present design winner.

Main Street: No word, need to reach out to the attorneys.

Pearl Street: Part of a plan, repaint a wall, maybe one of the other mural designs submitted.

Planned for Summer/Fall project

- Game Boards and Chess Table: Storage for Game Pieces and Little Free Libraries: No update, not installed yet, the stickers and bags have been organized

- MCC Projects and Events for 2024

- Town Park Mural Reveal Need a press launch ceremony pre 9/30/24. Idea for reveal includes: “I spy” (Jenny) identify the landmarks, a raffle, hands on are for little free art gallery. Potentially live entertainment.
- Little Free Art Gallery: AKA FLAG. Donated art. Connected + Inspired, Canvas & Cup, NHS, Anyone interested in FLAG Sub committee to email. Natick gave information about theirs: Active from April-November. Put inside at one point but it didn’t work out. Scouts art, Never provided supplies, No concerns of vandalism.
- Promotional Content in the Milford Free Press: cost presented; by end of 2024
- Milford History Project: Jocyln and Martin presented their concept. Anne Lamontagne contacted, Using google earth to host. Potential to register a website. Ray Auger as a potential voice?, Digital to physical with the use on QR codes and buy in by stakeholders at locations.
- Special Needs Art Event: Smaller event, FLAG use, disability access, table with canvas, invite others with disabilities during Disability Pride Month, Fundraise for orgs? Potential for Indoor&Outdoor location, BT Volunteers
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation: Get more information (Khizra)

F. New Business

- 2023 Annual Report to the Town: Will be put in the book in May

G. Correspondence and Public Comments. Martin shared report of his attendance at opening of renovated Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State.

H. Any Other Business. Next Meeting March 19

End of meeting motion made by C.C., seconded by Sandee, unanimous.

Standard MCC Calendar

Timeframe	Task
January	1) Finish Part II of Final Report to State Council (Grant Decisions). DONE! 2) Announce Awarded Grants to Select Board and Community. 3) Submit Grant Agreements to Town Hall to Process Direct Payments.
February	1) Allocation Deposited from State. 2) Submit Grant Agreements to Town Hall to Process Direct Payments.
March - April	Seek Community Input. <i>We can skip this in 2024.</i>
July	1) Hold Council Elections. 2) Finalize and Publicize Council Priorities (Post Online by Sept. 1)
August	1) Receive Allocation Amount from MCC. 2) Publicize Grant Program and Distribute Application Info.
Sept. 1 – October 17	Accept Grant Applications. Deadline is October XX. ASAP: Finish entering LCC Financial Report Part II BEFORE October XX.
Nov. – Dec. 30	Panel books received by Nov. 1. Review and Approve/Deny Grant Applications. Decisions due BEFORE January XX, 2025.

Ongoing

Request Membership Renewals from Select Board.