

## **Mendon Cultural Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7:00pm in person and via Microsoft Teams**

Those in attendance: Shannon Elliott, Joanne Lamothe, Paul Lamarre, Sandy Patralia

Member(s) not attending: Jim Stover

Guests: N/A

-Call to order/roll call @ 7:02pm

-Reviewed and Accepted Minutes from 1-10-24 meeting

-Reviewed 2023 Grant Cycle; discussed cash on hand and pending grantee payouts

-Review of several 2024 Grant awards where change of venue to Town of Mendon was stipulated by Cultural Council

-Discussed logistics around possible First Annual Town-wide Scarecrow Contest. This would be for local businesses, schools, police and fire, town hall, et cetera. Participants would come up with a scarecrow design that would be displayed outside the place of business and residents could vote on their favorite scarecrow. The contest would run from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup> and would be promoted, among other ways, at the Rock the Block Party in town. Discussed using ballot drop box at Town Hall currently used by the Town Clerk; and trophies/certificates for First/Second/Third/honorable mention. Those receiving awards this year would get to display their trophy and have bragging rights for the year; and would be included in following years' contest to "hand-off" to new awardees.

-Next meeting is set for Tuesday 3-19-24 at Taft Library, 7:00pm

-Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm