

MENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

- √ Joyce Firth, Chair
- √ Debbie Perro, Secretary
- Ellen Gould, Treasurer
- √ Tina Jankauskas
- √ Michael Fater

- I. **Call To Order:** The regular meeting of the Mendon Cultural Council was called to order at 7:03PM on Tuesday 2/19/19 at the Town Hall.
 - A. The above checked members were present.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting were read and accepted without changes.
- III. **Treasurer Report:** In the absence of a Treasurer, the Chair familiarized membership with the one reimbursement that was processed since the last meeting.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Secretary Debbie Perro shared the press releases that appeared in the Milford Daily News, Town Crier, and Blackstone Valley Press revealing the FY2019 grant recipients to the public.
 - B. In her absence, Ellen Gould submitted a written synopsis of her conversations with the Town Treasurer and Accountant regarding our ability to generate funds and use them for Council programs. That statement is attached.
 - a. The Town accountant outlined how this Council is to deposit raised funds, and how they will be identified in the accounting process.
 - b. It is the Council's understanding that we are now able to move forward with independent fundraising for our own purposes.
 - C. Members agreed to table discussion about possible modifications to our MCC site Guidelines until all members are present.
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. Changes to our membership were discussed.

- a. The Board of Selectman removed Mary Walling from our membership roster due to her lack of interest, commitment and attendance over the course of one year.
- b. Bill Moffet has asked to be replaced when we have sufficient members to do so.
- c. Members discussed ways to recruit new members.

VI Items Not Anticipated For discussion:

- A. An idea brought before Joyce Firth by a Mendon resident was discussed.
 - a. This resident suggested a Kite Festival on the late during the winter months.
 - b. Joyce Firth referred this resident to Dan Byer for further discussion.
- B. This event, along with a few other ideas were discussed as possible fundraisers for the Council.
 - a. The resident, Janis Moscaritolo, expressed a desire to attend a future meeting, and perhaps bring another resident who may be interested in joining the Council.
- C. Dan Byer attended the meeting for a short time, and was able to answer questions about spaces and services that may be available for Council events.

VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Firth, Chair (DP)

2/25/19-Addendum: Due to date conflicts, the members agreed by email discussion to reschedule the next meeting to Thursday, March 28, 2019, 7:00pm at the Town Hall, if available.