

Meeting of the Maynard Cultural Council

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By Jim Alexander - Asst. Town Clerk at 9:25 am, Jun 23, 2023

Minutes for June 8, 2023

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting
at Maynard Town Hall Michael J. Gianotis Meeting Room

Meeting called to order @ 7:15 pm.

Council attendees: Sara Lundberg, Rich Pepin, Lisa Dunn, Jenna Dargie, Zannah Noe

Absent: Andy Moerlein, Greg Bokis

Guests: Lynda Thayer, Linda McConcie

1. Approval of Minutes for 05/25/23 MCC meeting with corrections
2. 2023 Grant updates:
 - Discussion of status of several grant projects
3. Maynard Cultural District projects:
 - Maynard Jazz Festival
 - New tent has arrived and test set-up completed
 - Grant funds received
 - Final details to be worked out at 6/13/23 Jazz Festival meeting before event on June 17, 2023
 - Crosswalk painting @ Fine Arts Theatre
 - There have been 13 submissions for crosswalk design
 - Jury to choose design to include:
 - Member of Maynard Select Board
 - "Maynard as a Canvas"
 - Jenna Dargie & Richard Pepin from Maynard Cultural Council
 - Member of Maynard High School PTO
 - Maynard Fine Arts Theatre
 - Town of Maynard to pay for police detail
 - Project to come in under budget - discussion of what do with excess funds - see New Business below
 - Summer Music Series:
 - 2 acts have applied to perform
 - Council to search out additional acts
 - Maynard Cultural Council contact neighbors of performance space to inform them of performances on specified dates
 - Rain dates to be discussed with artists
 - "Discover Maynard" website:
 - Discussion of the need to hire someone to maintain and run website and whether website could be used as a town newsletter
 - If someone is hired, would Maynard Cultural Council or Town of Maynard pay that person - discussion
 - Mass Cultural Council rules require management of Maynard Cultural District to be separate from Maynard Cultural Council -

This hasn't happened in the past - discussion of how this could happen

4. New Business:

- Discussion to use left-over grant funds from Crosswalk project to fund a pop-up art show @ Maynard Town Hall
 - with the public voting for the Town to purchase an art piece from these funds - vote to approve this project and to encumber funds for this - details of the project to be discussed at a later date
- There have been 2 applications for new members to join Maynard Cultural Council - Linda McConchie attended 06/08/23 meeting
 - and vote to approve her membership will be made at next meeting (06/22/23)
- Discussion of possible partnership with Maynard Public Library on local projects in light of 2 facts:
 - Maynard Public Library is funded through Maynard Department of Culture and Recreation
 - Maynard Public Library has had expenses under budget for the last several years with funds returned to the town
 - Discussion of whether Maynard Cultural Council could have access to those funds and partner with Library on events or art projects
 - Discussion of and approval of design for Maynard Cultural District banners to be voted on at next (06/22/23) Maynard Cultural Council meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 9:09 pm