



TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Medway Town Hall

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Medway Cultural Council

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MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Medway Library, Cole Room

Members Attended: Becky Atwood, Crystal Buckley, Phil Giangarra, Gail Hachenburg, Judith Moffat, Hazel Warnick, Jordan Warnick,

Members Attended via Zoom: Stuthi Balaji, Valerie Shinas.

Members Absent: Angelica Crosby, Cyndy Ellis, Jyoti Ranjan, Amna Saeed-Kothe, Karyl Wong

Community Members Present: none

Recording Secretary: Marianne Boynton

Mr. Warnick called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. The meeting was in person with 7 members attending in-person and 2 via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes from Sept 5, 2023

Mr. Giangarra made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/15/23 with one correction. Ms. Buckley seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.

2. Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report - Hazel Warnick

Ms. Warnick presented the Treasurer's Report. The only change from the previous report is that pending payments are now paid. The funds available have not changed from last report. Town funds will be \$1,787 after payment for last utility box and Tri-Valley are paid. The State funds remaining are \$3,057.46 after payments to the Historical Society and Pixie Festival. ~~Ms. Warnick will be looking for a replacement as Treasurer when her term is up in June and would like to start training someone in January. Stuthi Balaji has expressed interest. Mr. Warnick will check with the town about Ms. Atwood's term and others.~~

(The latter and this statement need to be struck from the minutes as it was a mistaken discussion. Her term ends 6/30/24).

Ms. Buckley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ms. Atwood seconded the motion. Vote was approved, unanimously.

Co-Chair's Reports - Crystal Buckley, Jordan Warnick

Ms. Buckley – The Art in the Park event went well, 30-40 children came at the beginning of the event and then more adults came later. The feedback was great. A few parents asked if the event could be held every Sunday. Overall, it was really successful and will look to have it again next year.

Mr. Warnick noted that there was no progress with Business Council. A meeting will be scheduled after the Utility Box/photo book project plan is finalized. There has been no meeting regarding Medway Block Building or Sanford Hall due to schedules. Ms. Atwood offered to participate in meetings.

Mr. Warnick reached out to >75 local artists and past grantees/applicants to notify them about the timing and process for grant applications and festival grant availability.

Mr. Warnick is discussing a possible play with SUP Medway and SAFE Coalition, looking for common topic of interest.

3. High Tea Fundraiser (Silent Auction, Donated/Reduced Price items, Art/Poetry booklet, Medway poster) – Stuthi Balaji

The council booked Thayer House for the event. The deposit for the venue was waived and the caterer waived a deposit also. The town waived requirement for insurance policy, providing a savings of \$200. Ms. Warnick is helping with figuring out how to charge for tickets. They have a meeting with Carol Pratt to discuss. Ms. Balaji found some guidelines about Medway CC funds being separate from town funds and will present in the meeting.

4. MaCC/Community Science Interaction – Jyoti Ranjan

Ms. Ranjan did not attend the meeting, will discuss at a future meeting.

5. MaCC/LCC Grants – 2023 Update & 2024 Deadlines - Karyl Wong, Cyndy Ellis

Mr. Warnick reiterated that Oct 17 is the deadline for grants. There is also a separate festival grant application with a later deadline.

A few members attended the BaNannies concert at Choate Park on 9/8 and said the performance went well and there was a good turnout.

No members at the meeting were able to attend the SouthEastern Community Band event at the Senior Center on Sept 18. Ms. Wong will follow up with the contact at the Senior Center for feedback.

Ms. Moffatt reported that the Pixie Festival was a success despite the initial rainout. The event was rescheduled to the library. The attendance was good, people enjoyed the performer. They had 160 people vote on the houses which was 20 more than last year. Ms. Moffatt is planning to apply for a festival grant for next year so that she has more funds for a band as well as a balloon artist and face

painting. Ms. Balaji mentioned that the festival grant can be used towards a venue cost. Ms. Moffatt will consider an indoor venue for the future.

The events for remainder of the year are:

- Hip Swayers Concert - October 21
- Steam-Spin Yer Art- (Jennifer Kendall) November at Medway Library

6. **Sculptures (Library Trustees, DRC, SB.)** – Becky Atwood, Gail Hachenburg

Ms. Atwood and Ms. Hachenburg met with the Design & Review Committee meeting along with Erin McCarthy, the sculpture artist. Ms. McCarthy did a nice presentation. The committee asked questions about size, space, bench, landscaping and committee seemed pleased with her responses. Ms. McCarthy will work with them on decisions and plans and the committee was very amenable to working with MCC. Ms. Warnick asked about the next steps and whether the Design & Review Committee needs to vote and approve. Ms. Hachenburg said that it's recommended to present to Select Board since it's on town property. Ms. Hachenburg said that Erin McCarthy expressed interest in the Art on the Trail project as well.

7. **Utility Box Summary/ Art-Poetry Book/Poster/Calendar program** - Crystal Buckley, Jordan Warnick with Valerie Shinas

Ms. Buckley noted that nothing new, they still need to get the final coat on by the DPW but the rain has delayed it.

8. **Art-Poetry Book & Other Promotional Material** – Jordan Warnick

On hold until the utility boxes are done.

9. **Social Media Update (Website, FB, Artist Spotlight)** - Crystal Buckley, Angelica Crosby, and Valerie Shinas

Ms. Shinas said that she and Ms. Moffatt are updating the website and working on the next artist spotlight. Ms. Buckley will email utility box artists with the interview questions Ms. Moffatt provided. The plan will be to potentially use their responses as artist spotlights.

10 .Recruitment of New/Student Members – Stuthi Balaji_(see attached description)

Ms. Balaji received feedback from members and revised the description of the position and will send around another draft for review. The next step is to reach out to someone at the high school to find out how to post this. Mr. Warnick has a contact he will reach out to. Ms. Balaji was thinking of reaching out to someone in the Guidance Dept. Do we need Select Board approval if the student will not have voting rights? Committee determined that it's a volunteer position, so no approval is needed. Ms. Buckley is going to show the description to one of the artists who is a high school senior to get their perspective.

11. Other Business

None

Adjourn

Ms. Moffatt made a motion to adjourn at 8:00, Ms. Buckley seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

2023: Oct 3 and 17*, Nov 7 and 21, Dec 5 and 19

2024: Jan 2 and 16, Feb 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18

*Oct 17 is at the Middle School Presentation Room