Minutes Montague Cultural Council Sunday, April 6, 2025, 11:00 am Virtual

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* Votes were taken *

Members Present: Kathy Lynch, James Mussoni, Jasper Adams, Jon-Marc Seimon, Maggie Martin

- 1. Chairperson Kathy Lynch opens meeting at 11:01am
- 2. Tabled Approval of Minutes from 1-26-25 and 12-29-24

3(a) 2025 cycle update

The Kick-off event was fun and successful despite bad weather negatively impacting attendance. The Grantees / Artists were very excited to have the opportunity to meet and share with one another and the community. We agreed that more such opportunities would be worthwhile given sufficient funding. In the future, we should be certain to have photos taken and get more press.

Maggie will reach out to grant recipients who have not yet submitted their grant agreements.

Kathy will reach out to Shea for their invoice for Kick-off Audio Visual Work

3(b) Change Requests

Weathervane Arts - Tev Stevig

Request to change from multiple short events to a single longer event was discussed. The change seemed reasonable and would not significantly alter the approved project.

Motion to fund: Jasper, Second: Deborah Vote: yes, unanimous

Millers Falls Block Party – Kate Martineau

Request to change from Block Party to recreating an existing, deteriorating mural to a new location in Millers Falls.

The change proposed was to fund an entirely different sort of project than the original approved project.

Motion to fund: James, Second: Japer Vote: no. unanimous

We will suggest that the mural project should be resubmitted next grant cycle for consideration.

4. Update on Town Funding for FY26

It seems that funding for The Cultural Council was not included in the budget conversation and consequently we have not received additional funds from the town for FY26. Kathy has reached out to learn why our request was not included and to see if there is a remedy.

5. We will plan next meeting when we have heard back from the town regarding MCC FY26 Town Funding

Motion to Adjourn: James, Second: Jasper

Meeting Adjourned by Chairperson Kathy Lynch at 11:41am