

Newbury Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. ET

Town Hall - 12 Kent Way, Newbury (Byfield), MA - 2nd Floor Hearing Room

Council Members Present:

Amy Thurlow, Co-Chair/Treasurer
Michelle Ouellette, Co-Chair/Secretary
Bart Bracken, Co-Treasurer
Jeanne Anderson, Co-Secretary
Margaret Russell
Marguerite "Minnie" Flanagan

Council Member Absent:

Lloyd Hamovit

Call to order – Amy Thurlow

Approval of 11-15-2021 meeting minutes

- Voted to approve

Vote to change of show request (June 16, 2022) for Delvena Theater Company

- Voted to approve

Discussion on current grants

- Funding needs for the Newbury Town Day event entitled "Open Studios on the Lower Green" have changed. Robin Lawson (Newbury Town Day steering committee) will need to submit a grant modification for this specific event once the needs have been further vetted.

Update on Newbury Town Day (June 18, 2022)

- There will be an open meeting of the Newbury Town Day steering committee and volunteers beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 9th at the Byfield Community Arts Center (BCAC). All are welcome to attend.
- Further detail on the range of events can be found at newburytownday.com.

Update on Newbury Town Day (June 18, 2022) continued

- The general outline of the day (June 18th) begins with a scout breakfast at the BCAC from 7-10:30am.
- Newbury artists will also be showcasing their work during Newbury Town Day. *Open Studios on the Lower Green* will be held from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting).
- An art exhibit entitled *The Natural Landmarks of Newbury* will be on display during regular library hours from June 7th- July 8th. In addition, there will be an open reception from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Newbury Town Library on June 18th.
- Closing ceremonies will take place at the Upper Green at 6pm.
- Following the closing ceremonies there will be a party at the BCAC with local band "Revel Up".
- The Hidden Gems Treasure Hunt is currently lacking a coordinator if you know of anyone that wants to claim that spot.
- Additional plans and logistics for Newbury Town Day will be discussed on April 9th.

Discussion of NCC survey of Newbury residents

- A table will be manned by council members (Bart and Minnie with help from Amy) on the lower green during Newbury Town Day on June 18th. A paper survey (similar to the 2020-2021 survey) will be shared. Feedback on council priorities for the coming year will be solicited from local residents.

Vote to allow Bart Bracken and Marguerite Flanagan to draw on and edit the existing 2020-2021 survey to create the 2022 survey

- Voted to approve

Discussion of NCC council member terms and recruitment

Current Terms of Council Members

- Amy Thurlow June 30, 2023 (2nd term)
- Marguerite Flanagan June 30, 2024 (2nd term)
- Lloyd Hamovit June 30, 2024 (2nd term)
- Margaret Russell June 30, 2024 (2nd term)
- Bart Bracken June 30, 2022 (will re-up for second 3 year term this spring)
- Michelle Ouelette June 30, 2023 (1st term)
- Jeanne Anderson June 30, 2023 (1st term)

Additional board members (2) are desired. A town wide request for interested residents can be broadcast with the help of town staff. Michelle will work with town staff to implement the e-mail blast.

Adjourn – 6:45 pm ET

Next Meetings – Monday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. ET - 12 Kent Way, second floor meeting room and Monday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m. - 12 Kent Way, second floor meeting room