

Newbury Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023 at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. ET

Council Members Present:

Amy Thurlow, Co-Chair/Treasurer
Michelle Ouellette, Co-Chair/Secretary
Jeanne Anderson, Co-Secretary
Marguerite “Minnie” Flanagan
Robin Lawson
Margaret Russell

Council Members Absent:

Bart Bracken, Co-Treasurer
Lloyd Hamovit

Call to order: 5:30 p.m. ET

Approval of March 20, 2023 meeting minutes: Voted to approve.

FY23 Grant modifications:

- Greater Newburyport Ovarian Cancer Awareness’s Lantern Festival date change request from September 3rd to July 2 (rain date July 3rd). Vote was unanimously approved.
- Delvena Theatre Company requests to change name of their program taking place on July 13th from “Murder a la Carte” to “Mangia Meatballs and Murder”. Vote was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Update:

Amy has processed the first three FY23 grant reimbursement requests and submitted one. Amy will monitor requests for reimbursement on the NCC Gmail until July 1st. After July 1st, Robin and Bart should assume the responsibility to monitor emails.

Term limits and officer position transition:

- Jeanne Anderson has been notified of her reappointment by the Board of Selectmen to NCC for a term ending January 31, 2024.
- The membership and officer slate listed on the Newbury Cultural Council website will be updated after 6/30/2023.
- Both Amy and Michelle have offered to help train new officers. Jeanne will reach out to Matt Cooper, Town IT to obtain login and access rights to post agendas and minutes to the NCC sub-committee page on the Town website.

Newbury Town Day:

Newbury Town Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th, 2023 with most activities to be based at Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm. Robin Lawson, Newbury Town Day co-chair, mentioned that the May brainstorming event announced at Town Meeting on April 25, 2023 had low turnout, but another meeting will be planned for June. Robin shared the variety of planned events to include: open art studios (coordinated by co-chair for Town Day, Heidi); Vintage Base Ball and brass band, RC model airplanes; pancake breakfast (Byfield); tours of historic New England houses and the old school house. “Save the pink house” initiatives including themed art exhibit may be possible. Bart and Minnie to conduct the annual NCC survey at pancake breakfast, Town Day (Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm) and at Plum-Fest in September). Robin expressed need for help for social media to promote Town Day and it was suggested to reach out to Triton High School for community service project.

Adjourn: 6:30 p.m. ET

Reminder of Next Meeting:

Monday, September 11, 2023 p.m. 5:30 ET –
Newbury Town Hall, 12 Kent Way, second floor meeting room