

Mansfield Local Cultural Council
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Mansfield, MA 02048
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to order: 7:34 p.m.	Eileen Cusack, Chair	MANSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS
Attendance	<p>In Attendance: Eileen Cusack, Chair Melanie O'Malley, Co-Chair Jean Mallon, Secretary Marc Clamage, Treasurer Sharon Friedman Gail Gilman Kelly Ann Kelly Linda Ramirez</p> <p>Not in Attendance: Diana Bren Semirah Dolan Abraham Mercy</p> <p>In Attendance after Vote to Accept Minutes Vivian Webster</p>	<p>(Please note that the change in listing those "Present" and those "Absent" to "In Attendance" "Not in Attendance" and "In Attendance after Vote to Accept Minutes" is meant to reflect the members who voted on acceptance of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report, which is part of the Minutes).</p>
Secretary's Report—Minutes	September 13, 2021, minutes were approved. Motion made by Gail; seconded by Kelly.	Approved. One absention (Sharon)
Treasurer's Report	<p>Balances as of October 4, 2021:</p> <p>Town Account \$6,500 FY21 allocation State Account \$13,112.90 Gift Account \$1,250</p> <p>Amount of Unpaid Grants from 2020: \$1,600.</p> <p>Amount of Unpaid Grants from 2021: \$10,400. We would like to see these completed by December 2021; however, grant recipients could request an extension.</p>	

	<p>Eileen and Marc met with personnel from the Town Treasurer's office. Schedule 1 and 2 of the Annual Report were submitted.</p>	
<p>Meeting with Select Board</p>	<p>The Select Board invited representatives of Boards and Committees to meet with them to discuss accomplishments, concerns, and how the Select Board could offer support.</p> <p>The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Council members expressed concerns about the status of the Cultural District.</p> <p>Gail shared her concerns that Mansfield lost three of our downtown cultural attractions; that is, MMAS, the Black Doll Museum, and the Dance Studio. Approval as a Cultural District is dependent on having vibrant cultural activities within a one-mile walkable area. These concerns have been shared with appropriate town officials.</p> <p>Concern was voiced about zoning and development in Mansfield. Sharon reported that the Planning Board will be meeting next week. Concerns were voiced about several downtown properties, which had been approved for development and were still undeveloped. She noted that economic development is a key factor in Mansfield; however, in addition to</p>	

	<p>economic development, the Master Plan encourages and supports cultural activities.</p>	
<p>Smart Simple</p>	<p>In order to complete the task of reviewing grants for FY22, we will need to add three (3) meetings in addition to our regularly-scheduled monthly meetings. We must submit the Annual Report by January 18, 2022.</p> <p>Meetings will be held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2A/B. Please add these dates to your calendar: October 25 November 1 November 15 December 6 December 13</p>	<p>The Grant Cycle opened on September 1 and will close on October 15. November and December will be busy with Grant Review meetings.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, please visit the Mass Cultural Council website to create your individual account and update your profile. That will allow you to review grants that have been submitted.</p>
<p>Local Cultural Council Project(s)</p>	<p>The first relay box is scheduled to be painted using the historical reference to gladiolas as Mansfield was once known as the "Gladiola Capital." Each relay box will have a plaque referencing the relay box project with appropriate artistic acknowledgment.</p> <p>When artists are working on their boxes, a sign will be posted explaining the project with wording about the "relay race" and the boxes getting a "face lift." Artists will submit their proposals for the remaining boxes. Proposals will be reviewed by representatives of the Keep Mansfield Beautiful and LCC.</p> <p>It should be noted that work is also being done to place the Choo-Choo Locomotive in</p>	

	<p>the Harry Case Pocket Park. Six hundred dollars was approved for the Choo-Choo Locomotive at our February 6, 2020, meeting. Eileen secured additional community funding and will be checking with those sponsors to make sure they are still on board.</p>	
Publicity	<p>Kelly submitted Press Releases for the Grant Cycle to appropriate media outlets.. Melanie sent out a mailchimp notification to former grant recipients about the Grant Cycle Deadlines. Melanie will send out additional reminders about the approaching deadline of October 15.</p>	
Unfinished Business	<p>Downtown Committee:</p> <p>Eileen reported that the Downtown Committee will be purchasing seasonal banners which will be displayed in the Downtown Business district.</p> <p>Cultural District: See notes in Meeting with Select Board section above.</p> <p>Planning Board: See notes in Meeting with Select Board section above.</p>	
An Interactive 3-D Map of Mansfield's Old Town Cemetery Presentation.	<p>Marc Clamage, our Treasurer, will be presenting "An Interactive 3-D Map of Mansfield's Old Town Cemetery" on November 13, 1 to 3, at the COA/Library Meeting Room. This project was funded by our council in 2021.</p>	

Next Meeting	Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2A/B.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.	Unanimously approved.

Minutes approved at the October 25, 2021, meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Mallon, Secretary

Jean Mallon