

LONGMEADOW CULTURAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2023
STORRS LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Peg Landon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. In Attendance: Peg Landon, Caitlin Cronin, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Andrea Schultz and Peter Thomsen. Absent: Katherine McGonigle and Evelyn Pratt.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as of January 9, 2023 and was accepted and approved as written by all those in attendance as noted above except for Thea who abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob gave the Treasurer's Report. \$1,400 encumbered from last year's cycle. Spent \$1,230 for three 2023 grants. Receiving \$2,000 from Town and got \$10,100 from Commonwealth of Mass. Current balance 15,540, \$1,400 encumbered funds for \$13,755 to be distributed for 2023 remaining grants. An excess amount of \$385. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and approved by all in attendance.

PUBLICITY UPDATE: Andrea sent an article about the 2023 LCC grants to various local outlets including Reminder, Longmeadow Biz, New Comers Club.

2023 GRANT UPDATE: The following 2023 grants were paid: \$300 Longmeadow Historical Society, \$750 Musicians of Springfield Symphony Orchestra and \$180 Storrs Library Pumpernickel Puppets. \$1,400 encumbered funds from last year's cycle: Richard Hamlin will submit request for \$400 and Writers in Residence \$1,000 will be paid in a lump sum when requested.

NEW BUSINESS: Thea read a thank you note from Peg to the Longmeadow Cultural Council thanking the members for their donation to the Longmeadow Parks and Rec Department in memory of her husband Peter Landon. (A collective decision was made on February 8, 2023 by the Longmeadow Cultural Council to send a collective personal gift to honor Peter's service to the Town and in support of our Chair, Peg). Peg is leaving the Longmeadow Cultural Council and thanked the Council for all the work they have done under her leadership. At our January 9, 2023 meeting, Peg asked that a new Chair or co-Chairs be chosen. A motion was made this evening to nominate Caitlin Cronin as the new Chair. The motion was seconded and passed by all in attendance, Peg, Rowland, Rob, Thea, and Andrea. (Caitlin abstained and accepted). The LCC needs a new council member and Caitlin will let the Town know we have a vacancy. Peg will send a letter to the Select Board.

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis, Secretary