

Minutes for Montague Cultural Council Meeting
Gill-Montague Senior Center
Sunday, July 21, 2019 – 1 p.m.

Present: Kate Martineau, Daniel Brandon, Betty Tegel, Rachel Teumim, John Furbish, Anne Harding
Absent: Jan Atamian, Cindi Oldham
Terms Complete June 30, 2019: Jennifer Audley, Shannon Coakley Ramsey
Resigned: Pam Allan

1. The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Council members introduced themselves to our newest member Betty Tegel. Anne agreed to take the minutes.
2. Minutes – on a motion by Kate and second by Rachel the minutes of May 19, 2019 were unanimously approved.
3. Recent & Upcoming Council Sponsored Events – Kate reviewed the Accessibility Workshop that was held at the senior center with representatives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and various local councils from around the county. Kate talked about the movie nights that have been happening in cooperation with the Montague Recreation Commission, RiverCulture, MCC and the Sheffield Parent-Teacher Partnership. Two have been held so far with MCC attending a craft table. The next one will be held Friday, August 16 – showing the movie CARS 3. Anne will be doing the crafts, if anyone else can attend it would be helpful.

John Furbish talked about the mural celebration at Unity Park and praised the completed mural. He particularly liked the handprints of participants which spanned the mural. Yoga for Children has one more week (it was noted she ran two separate programs for accessibility reasons); Right Up My Alley exhibit by Edite Cunha is at the Great Falls Discovery Center for another week; Antenna Cloud Farm has their first concert scheduled for Saturday, July 27 (and five others in August, September and October); the Collage for Fun program was scheduled at Greenfield Savings Bank for July 13 with a second date of August 10; Bim Bam Children's music will take place in early August at Northfield Mountain; Saturday August 17th is a busy day with the Pickling in the Park workshop; the Lovelight Sisters Fairy House Day and movie premiere; and the World Music Super Collider in Montague Center.

4. Logo Redesign – Lynne Rudie presented several logo options. Members reviewed and winnowed down the list. She will make some suggested amendments and send along the next round. The council hopes to vote at the next meeting on a final logo. Many thanks to Lynne who has volunteered her time with this project.
5. Treasurer's Report – several people have sent reports; Anne does not have an updated treasurer's report but will provide for next meeting; annual report will be done by Carolyn Olson and signed off by Carolyn and Anne. It will be at the next meeting. A few people still have not sent in their paperwork or final reports. Anne will be sending reminders.
6. Public Input – Anne reported there were a handful of on-line surveys; it was very costly to get a complete data set and Anne will investigate a one-month subscription to get the rest of the information. Anne will contact the Town Hall about a special town meeting and sending the surveys

to town employees. Members will try to have the surveys on-hand if attending council sponsored events.

7. Council Sponsored Project/Event – there was some discussion of the Adventure Playgrounds idea but Kate had visited and did not recommend. After some discussion Rachel moved and Kate seconded a motion to award \$500 to the Farmers Market to financially assist with music. Kate will get in touch with Annabel Levine about this.
8. Priorities – the existing council priorities were discussed. There was discussion of rearranging the list slightly but not changing the priorities. Anne will send the annual schedule to Kate. The new priority order is:
 - Tell us how your program will offer unique experiences to Montague Residents
 - Describe specific efforts you will make to ensure that your program is accessible and inclusive
 - Explain how the work will be shared with the general public. (This is especially important if your proposal is for a program that involves a limited number of participants.)
 - Tell us how your program will offer unique experiences to Montague residents.
9. Twin City Consideration – John Furbish distributed some articles about Richie Richardson of Fab Fashion and the proposal to become a twin city with the Woodbrook section of Port of Spain, Trinidad. It was noted the Selectboard had voted to approve the project.
10. Next Meeting – was set for August 25, 2019 at 5 p.m.
11. Other Topics – none; on a motion by Rachel and second by Dan the committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.