

## New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting 2/10/22

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The meeting was called to order at 4:15. The minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a change in the Treasurer's report.

Eugene did not give an official Treasurer's report because he has not had access to our bank account and has been unable to get information from Town Hall. He will get in touch with Tara and give his report at the next meeting.

At our last meeting, we voted to rescind grants from 2021 that were made to Dewey Hall Presents and Music In Common since they had not gotten back to us. However, these organizations did in fact hold their events and have now asked that we reimburse them. Nancy proposed that we overturn the decision made at the last meeting and reimburse them. Neither of these organizations followed the rules which state that they must return an acceptance agreement within two weeks. After much discussion, the Council voted unanimously to reimburse Music In Common \$450 and Dewey Hall Presents \$250. Louise and Nancy will contact these organizations and make clear that going forward they must "play by the rules." Nancy said that there are several grantees for 2022 who still need to comply, including "Greenagers".

The Council decided to hold a picnic this year on the Village Green on June 4<sup>th</sup> with a pot-luck dessert table. We will supply the drinks. Holly said she will contact Tom Ingersoll for live music.

Burritt Day was also discussed. Wendy suggested we start lining up vendors in April before they get booked for other events.

We decided not to have a garden tour this year as we have two events scheduled close together in spring and summer.

Wendy informed us that the legislation allowing elected officials other than selectmen to be on Cultural Council is moving slowly through committees.

Linda Fass will chair our next meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Wendy suggested that we might meet in the library.

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Respectfully submitted,

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