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The meeting was held at the Townhall at 5:07pm

Present were Jay and Abby Michaels (by phone) Mike McCue, Courtney Brightman, Sarah Dudley, Nicole Davignon and Jeannine Ludovicz.

Minutes from the 8/2/2022 meeting were emailed to members and will be read and approved on 11/15/2022

There was a discussion about meeting minutes prior to March- Jeannine thought that Chandler had emailed them all to us and agreed to review her emails to find them.

Next we had updates on the outstanding grants from 2020/2021. MusicDance.edu (2021) Jeannine spoke to Rhonda in August and will call the senior center to see if a date was scheduled for that.

The New Bedford festival theater (2021) has been completed and processed.

Fall River Little theater (2020) I made a motion seconded by Jeannine to let them do their program in March 2023

for the original grant that was given in 2020. That was unanimously approved.

Soule Homestead educational center (2020) the program was completed in September and is pending payment.

Berklee historical society (volunteer group) 2020 We need to look back and see specifics of what the grant was meant for.

Berklee historical commission (2021) They were required by the town to do an environmental impact report and draw up specific plans for the garden – we agreed that was covered under the original wording of the grant and Jeannine will let them know to submit paperwork.

The Mayflower Camerata (2020/2021) did their performances and will submit paperwork.

Financial report 2020/2021 The town accountant did the financial report paperwork and it has been submitted. Courtney is working on the pending grants to find out what our outstanding account balance is.

There was discussion on a Halloween event – it was decided that it was too late to do something this year.

Grants for 2022 – after looking at due dates we decided to review and process them at our January meeting.

Christmas tree decorations/inventory replacements-we will meet Sunday, November 6 from one to 2 o'clock and take inventory of what we have. Mike and Nicole will figure out where to buy replacement items and Courtney will figure out which account we need to use for those. We have up to \$3,500 available to be used for Council events and will set a specific budget for this once we know what needs replacing.

Jeannine is going to speak to the highway department about using the light tower for the Christmas tree lighting and also she will speak to John Remedis about

music and refreshments for our Christmas tree lighting.

We set the date for the Christmas tree lighting it will be Sunday, December 11 from five to 7:30 PM.

Abby Michaels will be emailing Luanne that date and requesting a police detail from 430 until 730. She will get in touch with Russell Frade on Bradley Road about a Porta John. There was some discussion about getting volunteers for that specific event –Abby Michaels will get in touch with Tyra Leite about how to organize for that. Abby will also put out a call on Facebook to wrangle some help as well.

There was also some discussion on current council meetings where we have members who are not coming and the need to get people to commit to coming to meetings not just for grants and specific events.

The art show-Abby Michaels let the council know that our current superintendent wanted to charge us for using the elementary school. Jeannine suggested Abby reach out to the historical society and hold the event there-She agreed to do so and let the council know she would applying for a state festival grant for that event. We will discuss again in February or March-

Car show-Jeannine said thatJohn Remedis would be happy to host a car show if the Cultural Council pays for the trophies.

The historical society agreed to host. We will set a date sometime in February or March

The summer concert series we will discuss in January.

We set a date for our next meeting it will be Tuesday, November 15 at 5:15 PM at the Townhall. A motion was made by Courtney and seconded by Jeannine to adjourn and was unanimously approved.