

SLLDC Meeting 9/20/2022
Minutes

In attendance: Stephanie Mikesell, Matt Scollin, Patrick Murphy, Chessie Monks-Kelly, Jeremy Evans

Absent: Andrew Milne, Tom Catillaz

Meeting begins at 5:30.

-We need to do research on the voting abilities for Ex officio members of the SLLDC. Murphy will investigate with NYCON. Scollin and Catillaz fall into this position because of their spots on the Village Board.

-Last meeting minutes, Murphy moves to accept, Mikesell seconds. All in favor.

-Treasurer's Report: change from last meeting due to checks issued for artists. remaining balance includes a small amount of Covid-19 funds and remaining mural balance.

 a. Operating Account (7534) balance: \$5,172.75

 b. Grants Account (9287) balance: \$13,297.17

Old Business

-Current business: New mural is underway and looks great. We will pay remainder of funds when work is completed. Murphy and Mikesell will update as needed.

New Business

-Tuesdays are bad for Evans. It seems that the third Wednesday of each month will work for all of the members in attendance. We need to confirm with Milne and Catillaz that this day works for them. We will keep the meeting time the same.

-Evans brings up the repeal of the Open Meetings Law. Evans will provide an example template used by the Franklin County IDA open meeting resolution. We will also look into using the Village of Saranac Lake and/or Town of Harrietstown's setup for the meetings in the future.

-Evans asks for an update on what's been happening with the SLLDC. Scollin mentions that the LDC has been named as a partner organization for the housing task force, but they are currently bogged down on short term rental regulations.

-Jamie Konkoski needs assistance with the LEAF grant for facade improvement for businesses in the Lake Flower Corridor. Nothing has started yet, we need to make contact with Jamie to figure out next steps.

-Murphy raises the contract and budget renewal with the Village of Saranac Lake. We are generally included in the budget for \$5,000, which pays for insurance, auditing, etc. Evans raises the issue that the village and housing task force are looking for the SLLDC to provide a

lot more support than before, so our contract and budget need to reflect this. The current contract has expired with the village. The SLLDC usually holds an Annual Meeting for the members in June and proposes our involvement with the village projects for the year. Mikesell will contact Jamie to invite her to the next meeting to discuss LEAF, the contract, and the housing task force.

-The auditor we contracted with to conduct our audit has completely disappeared, but was in ill health. Evans mentions Crowley as a possible option and will ask. Murphy suggests Kennedy at BST as another possible firm.

-Scollin moves to adjourn, Evans seconds. Meeting adjourns at 6:16.