

# Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

August 2, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

**Members Present:** Pam Gilday, David Andrew, Nate Cordova, Bob Laplante, Mary Hichborn and Marc Lisle

Pam Gilday explained that she had been reappointed to the Cultural Council, but because she had not be sworn in, she would not be voting on tonight's business. She asked for a volunteer to take minutes for this meeting in Leah's absence, and Marc agreed to take the minutes.

1. Last month's Cultural Council meeting minutes were approved with no changes.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - Voucher from Billie McLane did not attach supportive documentation for \$252 grant, so Bob would request the additional documentation from her.
  - Theatre In The Open voucher was not signed or dated. Bob sent a note to them on July 29.
  - Henry Lappen (aka Henry the Juggler) performed at Amesbury Days. A motion was made and and majority voted in favor to approve payment to to him.
3. LCC Guidelines

Pam led us in a discussion of the new Local Cultural Council Guidelines that were issued by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.
4. Future Artists' Open Studios Dates

Pam suggested that because November is so close to the MCC Grant process, maybe we should consider doing the Open Studios event during Amesbury Days in 2012.
5. Grant Meeting Dates

After a discussion around the table, we chose a new MCC Grant meeting date of Tuesday, November 15 for our first Grant meeting, and decided that Tuesday, December 6 would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant meeting date, thereby allowing us to cancel the meeting that had been scheduled for December 14 (or was it the 15<sup>th</sup>?).
6. Chain Bridge Collection Exhibit
  - Mary shared sample invitations and additional information about the upcoming exhibit of the Chain Bridge Collection at the Newburyport Custom House Maritime Museum.
  - The exhibit will begin on September 3 and the opening reception will take place on Thursday, September 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at around 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Marc Lisle