

BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Buckland Public Library
November 15, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Cynthia Fisher, Chair opened the meeting.

Members Cynthia Fisher, Laura Cunningham, Jim Bonham, Sharin Alpert, Arthur Samuelson, Sarah Neelon, Carmela Lanza-Weil, and Brenda Parrella were present at the meeting. Member Brook Batteau was absent.

Introductions were made for the benefit of new member Carmela Lanza-Weil.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved by signature.

Councilmembers discussed priorities and objectives for granting FY24 funds.

All 33 applications were presented by the assigned reviewer. The Council voted to decline 10 applications. The projects were either too distant from Buckland, lacked clarity in planning, or did not provide enough public benefit for our community compared to other proposals we received. The declined applications were:

1. FY24-LCC-68116, Double Edge Theatre Productions, Inc., Mohawk Trail Regional School Students Visit Double Edge
2. FY24-LCC-66748, Fleischauer, Rosann, Yarning Around Massachusetts
3. FY24-LCC-66620, Leader, Rachel, KlezCummington 2024
4. FY24-LCC-71434, Long Match Arts LLC, UnNameable Children's Project: Ninefold River Performance
5. FY24-LCC-69776, Michaux, Sophie P., Tiny Glass Tavern concert and singing workshop: The Hagiography: A Musical Pilgrimage through the Lives of the Saints
6. FY24-LCC-62520, Plainfield Congregational Church, Plainfield Concerts at 7
7. FY24-LCC-66230, Porcino, John P., To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Music
8. FY24-LCC-66454, Sevenars Concerts, Inc., Sevenars 56th Anniversary Season
9. FY24-LCC-59670, Smith, Patrick, Afternoon of Brass #3
10. FY24-LCC-71272, Joseph, Valery, Haitian Cuisine Tour

Councilmembers reviewed the procedure for the next meeting. Laura Cunningham agreed to schedule the next meeting at least 15 days after the denials have been submitted in the MCC grant system. This will allow the opportunity for applicants to request reconsideration.

The meeting was adjourned.