

Litchfield Arts Council Minutes

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 6:00 PM
Bantam Annex
Bantam, CT



1. Call to order (take attendance) – 06:18PM
 - a. Kerry Burns, Thomasina Levy, Courtney Murray, Barbara Buono, Suzanne Ribando
2. Visitors
 - a. Karen Bartomioli
3. Old Business
 - a. Approve June and July meeting minutes
 - i. Barbara moved, Thomasina seconded, unanimous approval
 - b. High school student involvement
 - i. Thomasina to ask Sandy Carlson to see if there is student interest
 - c. Continue discussion on strategic plan
 - i. Revisit after receiving survey results
 - d. Continue discussion on 2026 events – fall mixer, architecture tour, community photo exhibit at OWL ?
 - i. For one month in the summer, alternating host galleries on the same day as concerts on the green - need to make a list of galleries
 - ii. Architecture tour – have an expert lead the tour, with permission from owners of homes, to discuss significance of style and artists – maybe a good opportunity to partner with Historical Society
 - iii. Photo exhibit at OWL – wouldn't be able to book until 2028 in the gallery room. Multiple categories, all community encouraged to join, students as well. Consider Bantam borough hall – reach out to Dick to find out availability and logistics, spring 2027, can partner with Bantam River Cultural District
 - e. Secretary appointment
 - i. Karen is interested once formally voted in
 - f. New Gmail account

- i. Kerry successfully set up free gmail account, so we can discontinue the admin console, and we will not have to pay the monthly fee for the account
 - g. Update on community survey from Barbara
 - i. Kerry to send test survey for final feedback – once good, will send to Doug to send to social community
- 4. Financial report – email from Thomasina
 - a. Currently have \$6,037.96 in the general fund, \$2,700 in operating fund, \$8,737.96 in total
 - b. Thomasina to write to supporting arts grant
- 5. New Business
 - a. Scarecrows in the Meadow submission
 - i. Joan of LAC, Defender of the Arts
- 6. Adjourn
 - a. 07:01PM, Thomasina moved, Suzanne seconded, unanimous approval

The mission of the LAC is to encourage, inspire, support, and connect people through the Arts by building awareness, promoting accessibility, and making creative opportunities.