

**Litchfield Arts Council**  
Special Organizational Meeting  
Friday, September 10, 2021 ~ 12:00 p.m.  
Town Office Building, 74 West Street

**1. Call to Order:** First Selectman Denise Raap called the special organizational meeting of the Litchfield Arts Council to order at 12:04 p.m.

**2. Introduction of New Members:** The members took turns introducing themselves to the group.

- **Thomasina Levy:** Musician who was CT State Troubadour; teaching artist; ran a music festival; award winning music recordings.

- **Priscilla Jeffery:** Art teacher in rural Vermont and urban Denver, and recently a school board member in Charleston, South Carolina.

- **Frances Clem:** Art teacher and promoter of creativity; New England rep for the Global Art Project for Peace.

-**Jessica Russell:** Architecture degree, arts and english degree. Works with children, hospitality, nonprofits and private people.

-**Eric Hahn:** Works with photography and poetry; specializes in promotional work. Runs Connecticut Wonderful, a Facebook community.

-**Jennifer Terzian:** Opened a galley in town, the Jennifer Terzian Gallery. She does pop-up art shows and teaches art history.

-**Michele Murelli (alternate):** She is the events task force coordinator on the Economic Development Commission and was happy to connect these two boards. She is an artist and has a Masters in Art Therapy. She teaches special populations and is Ambassador to the Northwest Arts Council. She has a non-profit called Art Tripping, with pop-ups in the area.

-**Charlie Dumais:** (absent)

There is one alternate member vacancy on this Council.

### **3. Election of Officers**

**Motion:** Eric Hahn moved and Jennifer Terzian seconded the motion to nominate Priscilla Jeffery as the Chairman. She accepted and there were no further nominations. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** T. Levy moved to nominate Fran Clem as Vice Chairman and P. Jeffery seconded. Ms. Clem said she would like to help Priscilla, and there were no further nominations. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**4. Recording Secretary Designation: Motion:** T. Levy moved to nominate Michele Murelli as Recording Secretary, and P. Jeffery seconded. Ms Murelli accepted and there were no further nominations. Upon voting, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**5. Establish Meeting Schedule and Location:** It was decided to meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Bantam Borough Hall, pending location approval from the Borough Warden by Fran Clem.

**6. Reading of Resolution Establishing a Litchfield Arts Council: Motion:** D. Raap read the *Resolution Establishing a Litchfield Arts Council* adopted by the Board of Selectmen on 6/15/21 and copies were distributed to the group.

**7. Discussion of Committee's Mission, Duties and Budget:** The Council discussed communications outside of a warned meeting and found they could talk via email with less than a quorum. Input for the agenda can be requested of all by the Chairman, as long as responses are made only to the Chairman. An illegal meeting occurs when a quorum of members discusses Council business, whether live, remote or via email without an agenda being properly filed with the Town Clerk. Ideas for the next agenda were suggested. D. Raap suggested a common agenda template for monthly meetings. They agreed they would keep their meetings to one hour.

**8. Adjournment: Motion:** P. Jeffery moved to adjourn at 12:44 p.m. and F. Clem seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Denise Raap

First Selectman and Ex-Officio Member