

**Downtown Milford, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 6, 2021**

**Present:** Peggy Reilly, James Rabe, Yanelle Powell, Joey Phillips, Lauren Bigelow, Matt Babbit, Lang Redden, Sandy Gullede, Dean, Anastasia Jackson

**Excused:** Cat Perfetti

**Guests:** Ann Dragon

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

Sandy made motion to accept last meeting minutes and Peggy seconded. Motion approved.

**President's Report:** Included in packet sent to board members. Confirmed that we will receive \$30,000 for Ladybug from the city and given our annual funds from the city. Considering international festival where we team up with Parks & Rec (would take same weekend as Bug & Bud).

**Executive Directors Report:** Missing

**Treasurer's Report:** Included in packet. Spent \$3,500 more than we brought in. Cookies paper petals making all payments on time. My Sister's Fault is paid off. Putting Petite Sweets issue on new ED's job requirements.

Got PPP loan of \$9,200 and spent it all on payroll.

Waiting on Vineyard USDA project grant for public awareness and marketing to get back money we advanced them (\$12,000). In our pocket for \$4,000.

For the year, we are showing \$14,000 profit. \$10,000 of that was from bond bill last year. \$9,000 was PPP money. Directors position not full all year.

Sandy developed budget for the organization. We need \$76,000 to operate. We have \$45,000 in City of Milford grant and \$2,000 in ice cream rental.

Lang motioned to approve treasurers report. Seconded by Anastasia. Motion passed.

**Design Committee:** Included in packet.

28 volunteers for Milford in Bloom. Trying modifications on reservoirs for better plan. Nothing going on with lighting right now (waiting for money from the State)

Rain garden and playground may be in same location. Up in the air again. Will likely bring playground location to public vote.

Grant through national wildlife foundation who are looking at the Mispillion River for eco-tourism and conservation. Looking to set up oyster tanks at Slaughter Beach and create living shorelines. May have funds for rain garden. Considered hitting up Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge for matching money.

Planted 12 trees last year with a grant. This year, we are not allowed to plant in July, August, or September. Joey also had to sit through 15-hour online class to become tree steward. He now needs to go to another town to attend a tree planting event. Refusing to waive requirement, even though it requires him to attend training on a Saturday.

Lang asked if we still had façade grant money from WSFS (\$3,093) – possibly using to paint utility boxes. Has not been completed yet. People don't seem interested in painting utility boxes. Nadia to re-paint art on wall next to ice cream parlor. Grant can be used to anything related to facades, including pressure washing, painting fences, etc. Just have to show a sign for 2-3 months saying sponsored by WSFS Bank.

**Economic Committee:** Included in packet sent to all board members. Cat reached out to EasySpeak to let them know what façade grants were available.

**Organization Committee:** No meeting minutes. 30-minute meeting about Big Ask.

**Promotions Committee :** Included in packet sent to all board members

## **Old Business**

### **ED Hiring committee:**

- Job listing has been posted
- There have been 8 applicants so far
- Deadline for closing is 7/16.

### **Ladybug**

- Meeting 7/7
- City wants festival on Walnut Street. Meeting with Gable to discuss.
- Anyone who wants to join the committee let Peggy know.
  - Missing work plan, will get through the steps to get it done.
  - DMI handles permitting
- Event October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-7pm (Rain date October 3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Get restaurants to advertise after-party
  - Find out whether Farmer's market needs to close early

## **New Business**

Yanelle introduced current board members to new members.

Meeting to adjourn July general session by Sandy at 6:05pm. Seconded by Sandy. Motion Passed