

Laconia Putnam Fund  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 8, 2021

This meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, held at 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia City Hall, Laconia, NH with the following in attendance: Jim Rogato, Charles Bradley, Linda Peary, and Rich Landry in person at City Hall, along with Betty Ballantyne via zoom.

**MINUTES:** The minutes dated May 7, 2021, were submitted, and accepted as presented.

**PROGRAM:** **Jay & The Americans** supplement rider contract was submitted by Julie Grant. Charles made a motion to accept the contract, Rich seconded it and will all in favor. It was noted that the hotel accommodations are set for ten rooms for two nights expensed at \$3,750. It was contracted for eight rooms. The two additional rooms are set for Julie and Michael. Betty will reach out to Spectacle to initiate the process for advertising in coordination with the Colonial.

**BLUES SHOW:** Is set for November 27<sup>th</sup> although Albert Cummings will no longer be contracted to perform the show with Ronnie Earl. Linda made a motion to have Ronnie Earl perform solo and without Albert Cummings and Rich seconded it with all in favor. **The Rat Pack** September 18, 2021, **Hart Keene** October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**TICKETING:** Spectacle will be waiving all fees to reserving tickets for our shows. We will advertise a standby for the empty seats along with disclosures that the seats need be filled 15 minutes prior the show. Spectacle will provide ushers, ticketers, set up and refreshments for each show.

**FOURTH OF JULY:** Betty made a motion to allocate \$3,250 to the Parks & Rec Director Amy Lovisek for act 2 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration to be held at Opechee Park. Charles seconded it with all in favor. The Ba Ha Brothers will be performing at 8:00 pm to 10:00 just before the fireworks. These funds are inclusive of the staging, both bands and more. Their total expense was \$4,750 and we supplemented the difference.

**TRUST OF TRUSTEES:** Questions asked if we had any news from the Board. None were noted. We were reminded their next meeting regarding our funding to be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PROPOSTED PROGRAMS:** **David Brody** reached out to Jim. Jim will be reaching out to Brenda Keen regarding their new protocol of programing so to invite David for a lecture of one of his two new books. **Alex Kershaw** an author once scheduled to lecture in April of 2020 had been cancelled. Charles brought it back to the table. A true war historian, Kershaw now lecturing

again will be in Vermont early November. His fee went up from \$2,500 to \$5,000. We had discussed a counteroffer being concerned of the adjustment lecture fee. Linda made a motion to counter the offer up to \$3,500 and Charles seconded it will all in favor. Charles will first reach out to Brenda to be sure the timing works for the Taylor Community. Therefore, Alex can back piggyback our event from VT.

**LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL:** On June 4<sup>th</sup> Linda attended the grand opening & ribbon cutting to the renovated gymnasium and auditorium. The auditorium has been painted included the staging along with new seating. What use to be 445 seats is now 360 seats. She met the new Principal Robert Bennett. Currently, we believe we will not likely need use the auditorium with the Colonial Theater providing more seating and a better everything that will meet our needs.

**ARTS IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES:** Betty attended the event at Rotary Park and was included in the introduction of the show. She did a short intro regarding the Putnam Fund on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Their next show will be on Friday, on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim will handle the intro to their July 16<sup>th</sup> program. Others are encouraged to participate in hopes of education and marketing Putnam.

With no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ballantyne