

Laconia Putnam Fund
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 held at Laconia City Hall, 25 Beacon Street E #1, Laconia, NH with the following in attendance: Jim Rogato, Linda Peary, Betty Ballantyne, Janet Brough, Joanie Mercer and guest Dan McLaughlin of NH Vintage Vinyl.

MINUTES: Laconia Putnam Fund minutes for December 9, 2025 were approved by Linda, seconded by Janet, with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda first brought to our attention that \$1147.50 had been deducted not once but three times for advertising and both Nancy and Glenn will look into this error further.

\$ 44,267.60 - 2024-2025
\$ 62,140.27 - 2025-2026
\$106,407.87 - Subtotal
\$ (70,480.15) - Expenses
\$ 35,927.72 - Remaining
\$ (5,000.00) - Expenses for April for Afternotes, Opera House and advertising
\$ (5,000.00) - Deposit due in July for the Classic Stones tribute
\$ 25,927.72 - Remaining Balance

Linda will see if we can get the appropriations of funds earlier once again this year. We are hoping by April we will have an answer and this will help us see into the fall calendar. Janet approved the Treasurer's Report and Joanie seconded, with all in favor.

UPDATES:

- a. Sierra Ferrell - Jim has reached out but as of yet he has not heard back. She has been opening for some big names but we still hope she might like to be the headliner here in Laconia. Jim will try again and our fingers are crossed.
- b. Classic Stones - Thank you to Jim who has looked over the contract for us and found many corrections needed. We will need to have a deposit of \$5000.00 for July 20. They took the buy out and the balance will be \$6250.00 due Friday, September 18.
- c. Deborah Conant-Hanson - We all loved her when she was here 20 years ago and would love for her to come back. We felt her price tag was too high with the added cost of Spectacle on top of it. If she could perform for \$7500.00 and technical cost around \$3500.00 bringing the total to \$11,000, we would book her. Linda will send out that proposal and again our fingers are crossed.
- d. Concerts on Canal - Dan did a wonderful job with his proposal. There was discussion on downtown not having an association, small businesses not ready to jump in, and big businesses like Bank of NH not interested in joining forces at this time. We all like what the concerts offer and would like to see the momentum continue. Linda made a motion that we contribute \$5000.00 to be the Primary Sponsor and Janet seconded it, with all in

favor. Dan is very excited and will send an invoice over to Nancy and get the ball rolling. He will promote us when and wherever he can and we will do the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kevin Switala from the Belknap Mill has emailed us with questions about funding "Arts in the Park". Jim responded and also invited him to any of our meetings.
- b. Janet said she spoke with City Council member Jon Hildreth and he and other members would like to know more about us and our goals for the future. She invited him to come to any of our meetings and we all hope he does. If we don't see him in the near future, we should reach out to him.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 to be held at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Joanie Mercer
Laconia Putnam Board Member
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