

Laconia Putnam Fund
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 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.

MINUTES: Laconia Putnam Fund minutes for January 13, 2026 were approved by Jim, and seconded by Janet, with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance of funds is at \$37,910.20 with two outstanding invoices, \$5,000.00 for "Concerts on Canal" and \$4,000.00 for our show in April with the Afternotes. This would leave an amount of \$28,910.20 to be carried over into the new year. Linda will see if our board can be put on the agenda for the council's next meeting in April. Janet made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Betty seconded it with all in favor.

UPDATES:

- a. Afternotes - All contracts have been signed and ready to turn over to the city. Joanie will check with both groups and let them know that they can set up at the Opera House any time after 3, doors open at 6 with the show starting at 7pm. She will also check on any simple request like water. Joanie will email Betty and Janet all photos and promos for the event. We have decided there will be no tickets with a first come first serve basis with this limited seating and that the advertising will start on March 18.
- b. Lakeport Opera House - Joanie will let Emma know we will begin advertising on March 18 and hope she can advertise this free event on their calendar as well. Jim found a line in the contract of a need for a credit card for damages, but with further inquiry, that would only be for the caterer if we were to have one which we are not.
- c. Classic Stones - As of today everything is all set for this group.
- d. Deborah Hanson Conant - We have all agreed on a contract for \$8000.00 to bring this harpist to Laconia. She would like us to sell her cds before and after the show which we feel would be no problem. But we will decline her request for one of us to video. Linda will get Deborah's PR info to Betty and Janet and will let her know the Tech contact at the Colonial is Adam Taylor and make sure she has his info.
- e. Betty - As Betty's term will be up in March we were all grateful that she has a desire to continue on the board. She will make arrangements to meet with the council.

New Business: We still have November 20th opened for the Putnam Fund at the Colonial and would like to fill it with something along the lines of a mentalist or acrobatics type show. We will all try to see if we can come up with a group before our next meeting. Discussion for future shows include movie night, homegrown NH artists, and a big name for pumpkinfest where the stage is already paid for. Betty and Dan will be attending a show in Portland this summer with Ray Lamontagne and they will give us feedback on that event. Dan is also willing to help out and show us some marketing techniques that could connect us with a younger crowd, which we are grateful for.

NEXT MEETING: With homework for all of us to do and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. For the month of March, our meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month which will be March 17, 2026 to be held at City Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Joanie Mercer
Laconia Putnam Board Member
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