



## Board Meeting Minutes July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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| <i>Minutes Approval:<br/>9/19/2019</i> | <i>Yea: Laura Miller, Gary Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Jessica Livingston, Chelsea Bailey, Nancy Paul, Lisa Stockwell</i> | <i>Nay: none<br/>Abstaining:<br/>none<br/>Missing:none</i> |
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**Attendees:** Laura Miller, Gary Miller, Jared Reynolds, Sandra May, Chelsea Bailey, Jessica Livingston

**Apologies:** Lisa Stockwell, Nancy Paul

The board meeting began at 1:36 pm at True Brew Barrista; our first topic was whether we can work with the new PACE Charter school to share some of their newly purchased space. It was determined the amount of rent they need to succeed is beyond our capabilities as a new organization ourselves. At 1:59 pm Sandra May moved to not pursue this opportunity further; Jessica Livingston seconded. “No” votes were then made by Sandra, Jessica, Laura Miller, Jared Reynolds, and Chelsea Bailey. We will still seek to do joint ventures on programming.

Minutes for our board meetings of April and May 2019 were approved.

Laura advised those who had not previously heard, that Making Matters has received a grant for \$24,000.00 in start-up funds from the USDA. Jared agreed to write the press release. A condition of the grant is having a space to operate in. Gary briefly presented numerous possible sites including a space near Merrimack Valley HS owned by the Beatty family, an area at the RIVCO plant, the Hoyt electric site, the downsizing Concord Lithography, an area at NH Pack and Mail, the old SAAB dealership, an area across from the old prison in the Concord sports building, an area at Taylor Rental, and the former OutFITers shop.

Laura announced a training agenda for classes we are holding in conjunction with the Center for Women, to be held at NHTI. A grant is pending for the planned workshops in Business Plan Basics,

Marketing, Crowdfunding 101. Registration will likely take place through both NHTI's website and Eventbrite.

Upcoming table/exposure opportunities exist at the Multicultural Festival on 9/22 and the Capitol Arts festival. We also discussed attaching a new survey to our website to help guide the development of our initial space. Also, a follow up public meeting in September is desired given our new developments. We will see if we can get new volunteers to join focus groups to discuss specific area like membership structure and what our first shops should look like.

The budget was discussed in light of our existing grant. Sandy suggests not purchasing a milling machine at this juncture. They are very expensive and dangerous; our sister makerspace Manchester reports theirs gets very little use.

We discussed making our space as friendly as possible for people who want to learn skills. Volunteers can possibly wear tshirts or buttons so they are easily identified and approachable.

To make future board meetings more convenient for our newest members, we will move them to Monday midafternoon beginning with our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 by general consensus.