Meeting Minutes 7/19/21 7PM on Town Hall

Present:

Chair: Nichole Jones Helen Sanders Aimee Gigandet

Vice Chair: Chris Klemmer Secretary: Laura Klemmer

Val Toukatly

Absent: Michael Provost

Greetings

Nichole welcomed us all

Pledge

We spoke the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments & Response

No representative of the Newmarket public were present

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Spelling of Helen's last name was corrected to Sanders. Motion to approve given and seconded

Discussion

Account opened

Raffle money so far is \$40. Should we give 10% to artists? Violet- featured artist and art raffled

Review of gift acceptance policy and sent to Steve for approval (legal)

- Sponsorships (in lieu of advertising) we keep out of the gift acceptance policy since sponsorship is not a gift.
- The purpose of the policy is to provide guidelines for us and to provide to others as requested and Steve reviews next week

Lighting of the dam project: Portlighting provided their price, what is the next step?

- Mike Hoffman, Devin, concerned citizen, Helen, Steve, Nichole should talk next steps.
- Cost of project is \$28k not including electrical, may be closer to \$35k
- Fixtures: \$10k, labor: \$12k
- Ann has a video of the colorful lighting.
- There were two people with negative comments and concerned citizens thought we would be doing this without the town council.
- Who will be spearheading this project: the ones who reached out or us?
- We are a ways away from presenting to the town council.
- Michael had mentioned we could get a grant.

- This project could be considered encouragement of Lamprey River activity
- Who is responsible for maintenance?

Newmarket Dental: we should have another table and bring balloons

Helen, Nichole, and Michael are going tomorrow.

Nichole/Ann on arts council ARP grant- not qualified, need three years of grant writing Community engagement - July \$5k grant with a specific project.

What fundraiser did we prefer from the ones previously proposed?

Aimee- Arbor park up for redesign- could there be a sculpture added? Something to get people there

Pocket Park- Cheswell

Arbor park- could be a good project without a high \$ overlay. Inflatables have been there before. Next meeting will start at Schenda at 7 on 8/16 and then head to Arbor Park- not generally used Creative placemaking class- Michael recommended this as a good learning opportunity with the Council for the Arts. The cost is \$150 and Nichole is willing to go to class. We voted to spend \$150 and share what she learned. Nichole will get in touch with the Council.

Newmarket was on NESN

Nichole invited us to Newmarket Business Association meeting at Fire and Spice. Happens about every two months.

Ribbon cutting for splash pad is 8/11

August 24 is last Arts in the Park (31st is the rain date)

• \$350 - \$360 was raised from local restaurants. Collecting menus for people to look at. There will be a drawing for a couple gift cards and the remainder will be used at Rec events. Restaurants were thrilled to donate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45