



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

January 2, 2024 at 6pm

Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.

In attendance: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Ben Buckley, Justin Glazebrook, Shannon Culpepper, Ben Reeder, & Bart McDonough Missing: Morgan Santos & Aimee Gigandet

1. Public Forum

Stratford Regional Planning Commission- Master Plan Input- Bart McDonough
Bart came in and discussed that the plan is a two-year process in which the town will be setting 10-year goals/plans outlined in chapters. This time around the plan will include a chapter for ACT. We are still waiting to hear what the template will be for the chapter, but our 5-year strategic plan is similar to what they are looking for; it will be a good foundation. Bart will be present for the next four meetings to do work on the Master Plan. The March meeting will be devoted to the Master Plan. We will be sending out a survey to the town to see what they are thinking about ACT and will be able to decide what questions we are asking in the survey at a later date.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 12/5/23

Motion to accept: Ben Reeder Second: Ben Buckley Approved 6-0

3. Correspondence - Letter of Resignation received from Joshua Skoglund. AC&T now has 2 open Alternate seats.

4. Project Updates

- a. Willey Park - LRAC Grant Application Draft- Debra & Ben B.
Debra plans to touch base with Ben B. this week when she is done with the draft. And then meet with Suzanne from LRAC for preliminary review. The application will then be presented to the Willey Park subcommittee for final approval before submission.
- b. Artist Among Us Pocket Park 2024 Mural Schedule
Debra distributed mural layout for Natasha Dikareva's. She will also exhibit small sculptures in the Mini Art Gallery.

2. New Business

- a. Commission Meeting Schedule
2024 meeting schedule reviewed and accepted. Meetings will remain on first Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm.
- b. Special Event Schedule also reviewed. Decided not to do online auction for February, but Shannon mentioned that we could do some classes at libraries, and they will pay for presenters' time. This money could be donated back to AC&T. This suggestion will also fulfill our grant requirement to do some community engagement activities. Debra to meet with town librarian.

We also plan to auction a piece of Natasha's art at the unveiling of her mural in May. We may try again this year to have an auction at the Backyard Bash.

Action Items: Confirm date for 2024 Backyard Bash and Arts in the Park schedule with Aimee. Discussed suggestions for alternate arts activities during summer.

- c. 2023 Town Report- Due 1/17 Ben R. nominated Morgan to draft content. All approved. Debra to convey requirements to Morgan.

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm accepted.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 6.

Respectfully submitted, Justin Glazebrook