

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

March 5, 2024 at 6pm Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

In attendance: Debra Smith*, Pam Myers-Morgan, Justin Glazebrook, Shannon Culpepper, Ben Reeder, Morgan Santos, Aimee Gigandet & Bart McDonough Guest: Ed Hicks: *Attended via Zoom

1. Acceptance of Minutes of 2/6/24

Motion to accept: Justin Glazebrook, Second: Morgan Santos Approved

2. **Correspondence** - Rep. Pappas emailed us regarding art submissions for a scholarship. He wants us to spread the word. Cash prize, art displayed at NH Capitol. Art must come from high school student from 1st district. Margaret McSherry is the contact for him.

Action Item: Morgan to post on social media

3. New Business

Aimee: Arts in the Park

- Kennebunk Bank in for \$2k, but out on events
- 3 or 4 concerts this year
- 1st Tuesday in July
- Aimee reaching out to NBA and others
- Pics for Gr8 days a week is not going to be weekly again

Action Item: Ben & Morgan to look for more restaurants / brainstorming ideas

4. Old Business

Willey Park

- 19th of March is LRAC meeting, Ben B. and Pam attending
- Town Manager requested a presentation from ACT to the Council
- Pam pitched to MSC, they said yes.

- RFP for mural going out now, RFP for sculpture later once we have LRAC grant approval
- Artist Christine' Destrempes to conduct a Community Art Education event July 15 or 21 5pm-7pm. Brainstorming meeting scheduled with Library Staff for 4/9. Deb setting up this event

Fundraiser

 Library would like to schedule photography education calls w/ Shannon and Martin

Pocket Park

- New art in the tiny gallery from Tina Williams is gone, replaced by Jess Placey
- Tina submitted a proposal for art to be put on the mural next spring 2025

5. Master Plan Project Planning

Strafford Regional Planning (Angie)

- Asked us for feedback of arts chapters
- Lizzie Garland, first female photographer, she worked out of the Willey House
- Reviewed Dover, Peterborough, Littleton arts department plans for ideas
- Looking for our help creating the arts chapter for Newmarket
- "What's the Newmarket 'brand'" question for us to answer
- We need to create an inventory of our assets as well as artists in Newmarket; so far, inventory includes Millspace, Stone Church
- Expert Sources recommended: Kris & John Carmichael of Historical Society, Amanda Kidd-Kestler of the NHAA, Ellen Hopkins & Natasha Dikareva (artists) Action Item: Deb to create a google doc with survey questions for us to submit to Angie. All to review and add once link is shared.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm accepted.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Buckley