



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

July 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm.

In attendance: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan (via Zoom), Ben Buckley, Morgan Santos, Ben Reeder & Aimee Giglandet. Missing: Justin Glazebrook, & Joshua Skovlund

Membership – Jamie Knauer (application submitted to Town Manager office) & Joshua Skovlund transitioned to recently approved Alternate member

Old Business

- Ben R. made motion to accept May 2, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence

- **Wentworth/Cheswill Block Party-** July 22 1-4pm, ACT attendance planning discussed. Debra to send email with membership schedule.
- **Piano on Main St.**
 - Ideas: Open-mic night, rebrand as a “Grand Opening” where the piano is introduced to the town public e.g., ribbon cutting, holidays, etc.
 - Discussion over whose responsibility it would become to maintain and decorate the piano playing space. All agreed it would not be ACT’s responsibility to assume overall responsibility, but we would use piano to enhance planned arts & cultural events

Old Business

- **Willey House Central Park Project**
 - Discussion of grant application, Inkwell owner email regarding preservation of outdoor appearance, community engagement goals, advisory board appointments
 - Arts for Community Engagement Grant submitted July 7.

- Grant approval decision due by Sept. 30
- Debra asked all members to read the entire grant application to become familiar with the project goals, details and timeline.
- **Summer Music in the Park**
 - Discussion on changing pictures on handouts, printing more coupons, event participation, and increasing business participation. Ben B. & Morgan to submit each week's card to Wendy Chase by Monday morning before concert.
- **Backyard Bash 8/4/23**
 - Fundraising: raffle tickets for multiple pieces of local art from artists who are or will be exhibiting in Pocket Park to be offered.
 - Volunteering for setup and fielding questions. Sign-up to be distributed by Debra via email. Request is to sign-up for 2-hour shift.
 - Final planning meeting is 7/12. Debra to attend to review layout and site responsibilities
- **Pocket Park**
 - Painted rocks are being taken. Changing verbiage on sign to direct townspeople to not take rocks, but add them. "Help the garden grow, community art project"
 - Suggest to business owners to hold fundraising/rock painting events in the park.
 - Mini Art Gallery was damaged in wet weather –group text advising all of emergency situation sent on 6/29 at 2:39pm following a Facebook posting. Resolution determined, art was removed and house was removed for modification. Artist reclaimed artwork until gallery is rebuilt. "Under Construction" sign put in place with expected completion of new gallery Sunday. All future units will be waterproof and built by Ed Fountain. Thank you, Ben & Pam for handling damaged artwork efficiently.
- **300 Years of History at River's Edge**
 - Logo contest to be conducted
 - Tagline to be decided from final 3 options

New Business

- Whenever AC&T (as a group or individually) requests or creates anything for the Town of Newmarket, it belongs to the town. This includes any intellectual creation made for an event (e.g., artwork, logos, strategy, grant applications, etc.). Additionally, if the artwork is paid for with an honorarium or advertised fee for creative service, it too is the property of the Town of Newmarket in perpetuity and can be replicated for purposes of promotion or fundraising.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on August 1, 2023 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Knauer