

# Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

October 2, 2023 at 6:00pm Town Hall **MEETING MINUTES** 

## Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

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

## Public Forum (15 minutes maximum)

• Robin Ellwood declined applying for alternate representative at this time.

#### Minutes Acceptance from 9/5/2023

• Minutes were accepted with one change.

## Correspondence

- Debra attended Newmarket Business Association board meeting to present Willey House project. NBA asked for permanent AC&T member to their BOD. Shannon volunteered to represent us.
- Town Manager Meeting with Commission Chairs- discussed Facebook posting parameters. Only postings from AC&T permitted. Public comments not suggested. Other organizations not allowed to post.

#### **Old Business**

- a. ACT Video Production Update (Debra) Tim Cremmen is still editing.
- b. Debra shared FlashVote flyer, which she encountered in Portsmouth. Pam to follow-up about how this tool can be used for community engagement.

## Project Updates

- a. Pocket Park- Flip the Mural moved to Oct. 28, 4-6 pm to maximize exposure as F F , All agreed to date move.
  - i. Morgan- Decorate the park with lights and spooky décor
  - ii. Ben B.- Purchase candy for trick-or-treaters- \$50 expense Approved
  - iii. Pam- Flip the exhibit panels to Alex Leith art according to layout
  - iv. Debra- Coordinate leaf cleanup with DPW & confirm electricity access with Jonny Bos
  - v. Carved Pumpkin Contest proposed- \$50 gift certificate for winner. Top 5 photos submitted via email to <u>atcommission@newmarketnh.gov</u> to be displayed in park for public voting. Debra to modify draft promotional flyer accordingly. 1 Opposed 4 Approved Idea passed.
- b. Willey Park \$5100 Grant Award received on 9/15 from NH Arts Council (ask was \$6000) & T-Mobile Hometown Grant (ask was \$10,000) decision pending 11/30)

## New Business

- a. Bike Racks (Ben) Lamprey River Advisory Committee has a fund of about \$50,000 that is available for grant projects. Ben contacted fund chair to understand project requirements and to see if his digital bike rack idea would qualify. Based upon costs and current availability of racks, Commission decided not to pursue the idea.
- a. N a A a a showcase all our installations. All approved.
- b. Superintendent of Schools announced that NHS has performance space available. Commission to keep this in mind when planning community events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Our next meeting will be held on November 7 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Smith