



Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, May 7 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

AGENDA/NOTICE OF MEETING

1. **Acceptance of Minutes of 4/9/24**
2. **Interweave Community Engagement Presentation by Christine Destrempe**
3. **Willey House Park Project Update**
 - a. Permission to paint utility box denied by Eversource. Alternate recommendation: install a screen to be funded by Eversource Community Grant. Newmarket High School student, Avery Ahumada, to paint mini Art Gallery and screen as her "Passion Project."
 - i. Motion #1 to proceed as recommended.
 - b. Community Engagement Interweave \$4288 estimate received from Christine Destrempe (agreement attached). Test-run conducted on 5/7 with 25 invited community representatives. Contract includes 100 looms to be completed via two summer presentations (July 15 & 16) by artist for creation of interwoven weir-like art installations in multiple locations. Additional presentations to be conducted by librarians and art teachers at Parks & Recreation. Memorandum of Agreement received & executed on 4/22/24 from Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Subcommittee for \$4500 grant (agreement attached).
 - i. Motion #2 to accept \$4288 estimate and distribute LRAC funds as per letter of agreement.
 - ii. Motion #3 to reimburse Debra for \$68 for light refreshments served to Interweave participants on 5/7.
 - c. Photo Campaign Launch via Better World fundraising tool has been setup. Each resident will be allowed to upload maximum of 5 photos to be used in mural and/or Master Plan document. Suggested donation is \$10/resident. Additional donation amounts can be accepted to support other ACT projects. Acceptance of Town photo release form will be part of upload process. Photos to be uploaded to our Google One drive. Community Campaign to launch May 13th. QR Code to be part of our Coming Soon sign.
 - i. Motion #4 to accept \$10/resident entrance fee with maximum 5 photo submissions via Better World fundraising tool.
 - d. Willey House Mural Subcommittee Minutes (attached). We have received 3 design proposals thus far and are expecting several more by the 5pm deadline today. Subcommittee will review all proposals received on 5/9 & 5/13 and narrow the field to five. Artists will be invited to present in person to week of 5/20.

- e. Photo Education Classes- Library has reserved July 19, 20 & 23 for potential classes on how-to take best pictures with your cell phone.
 - i. Motions #5 to assign scheduling & promotion of classes to (insert names).

4. Artist Among Us Pocket Park

- a. Presented proposal to American Legion & VFW on 5/1 to underwrite the printing of the mural and dedicate the park in memory of the soldier who donated the site to the Town. Requested \$5000 endowment, which would cover 5 years of mural printing and all ACT to build a mural library of 12 different exhibits. Legion's decision is pending membership approval.
- b. Both Natasha Dikareva and Ellen Hopkin Fountain's mural panels are being printed at Southport Printing, Portsmouth. Cost to print eight two-sided panels is \$898 for unveiling scheduled for May 30th immediately following Memorial Day Parade.
 - i. Motion #5 to disburse funds from Parks & Recreation Miscellaneous budget to cover \$898 expense. Funds will be reimbursed to Parks & Rec. when 2024-25 ACT budget funds become available on July 1.
- c. Five exterior art display panels were received from a closing art gallery. They are currently being stored at DPW. Proposal is to install some or all of them against the deteriorating concrete wall parallel to Jonny Boston's so that we can invite artists to display &/or sell their art during Art in the Park Sundays over the summer. Charge a \$50 fee to reserve a Sunday and we will only be responsible for advertising the display. DPW will install panels for us.
 - i. Motion #6 to proceed with Art in the Park Sunday series & install panels in the park.

- 5. Reminder: **RecConnect is May 23 at Millspace**. Millspace declined request to display mural panels, but accepted our ability to auction off art pieces. Attendees will be invited to vote on mural designs. All invited. Please wear your name tag and provide assistance with ACT activities as needed.

- 6. Adjourn