



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, January 7 at 6 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Called to order at 6:05pm

Minutes of 12/3/24 accepted unanimously with following corrections: spelling of Pam Myers-Morgan's name and the month of the Financial Report

December Financial Report accepted with following notes:

- \$32414.00 cash on hand
- Calendar Sales- \$177.52
- Merchandise Sales- \$68.00
- Jewish Foundation Donation Received- \$300
- LRAC grant award balance received- \$2250
- All Bills are paid

Correspondence Received

Jessica Alford letter (see attached) – she has done most of the mural work at the Stone Church and would like to do another mural in town. She has some fundraising ideas, including the sale of her original prints. Ben Reeder to follow-up with her to ascertain details.

Old Business

1. Willey House Park
 - a. Mini art gallery will be changed out by Avery Ahmada on 1/13.
 - b. Artist Proposal- Markus Weinfurter (see attached) Discussion ensued regarding two proposals received: Bench including pieces from the Historical Society and Metal Tree sculpture on side of park opposite the mural on Greg Bird's property

At this time, we decided not to pursue the bench, but will make enquiries with Town and abutting property owners about putting a tree sculpture in the center space in front of the Willey House. Final decision to be made at February meeting.
2. Master Plan Update
 - a. Subcommittee report of 1/6 meeting- Pam, Debra, & Doug were at the first meeting.
 - b. Draft of the Arts, Culture, & Historical Resources chapter is projected for April. Subcommittee to meet biweekly to finalize draft.
3. Town Annual Report (ACT draft)- Morgan – draft has been completed and report has been sent to Debra to finalize

New Business

1. 2025 Project Planning
 - a. Artist Studio Tour- May

Discussion on feasibility of piggy-backing on Newmarket Garden Tour. Approximately 5 artist studios in town have been identified. Idea will be pursued by visiting studios of potential artists and creating list of questions, problems, and opportunities.

b. Library Project Proposal- Doug is creating a PowerPoint to present to the library. Debra to pursue Lela Love as potential funding source and schedule meeting with Librarian, Library BOD, Friends of Library sometime in January.

2. Artist Among Us Pocket Park- mural collage using previous artist panels for May unveiling approved. Ben R. to prepare panel selections for Feb. meeting

4. Deb presented a card with image of town and list of local businesses from Kittery with idea of printing something similar for Newmarket. Pam mentioned artist R P Hale, who did the woodcut that is on the Mill Plaque, as a possible artist. Further investigation required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted, Pam Myers-Morgan