



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

April 9, 2024 at 6pm

Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Justin Glazebrook, Shannon Culpepper, Ben Reeder, Ben Buckley, Morgan Santos, Aimee Gigandet, Bart McDonough & Ed Hicks (alternate)

1. Acceptance of Minutes of 3/5/24

Motion to accept: Justin Glazebrook, Second: Pam Myers-Morgan Approved

2. Willey Park Updates

- Three ACT members attended LRAC Grant meeting - application not approved
 - Issue with receiving Federal funding for the project excludes placing the work on private property
- Willey House under agreement to be sold
 - Town will continue to pursue an easement, but not guaranteed
- Question posed by Chair: should we continue to include the sculpture portion of the project?
 - Consensus is to separate the mural and sculpture portions of the project
 - Revisit the sculpture project in the future if we get easement and funding
 - Also open to looking at a different location for sculpture (park along the water)
 - Motion: Willey House project is not dependent on the LRAC grant and will not include the sculpture. Motion passed unanimously
- Photo campaign to launch with town hosting photo file uploads through website
- Morgan proposed adding a local restaurant menu display in the park. She will work with Shannon on draft layout
- "Coming soon" sign updates proposed. Sign to be paid for by Main Street Corp.

3. Community Engagement Summer Event

- Reviewed samples for "Interweave" project as proposed by artist Christine Destrempes
- Library would host sessions and hang the final pieces as a WEIR
- Proposed a "dry run" with the ACT commission members and Library staff
 - Test out the session to provide feedback before public engagement
 - Use this as an opportunity to gather input for our Master Plan chapter

- This will be a summer (July) community cultural and art-making activity
- ACT commission approved \$500 towards project (to hopefully be matched by the Library or LRAC grant)

4. Master Plan ACT

- Members requested to review list of questions and docs on shared drive
- Waiting for input from Lisa, SCPC (new contact replacing Angie)

5. New Business

- Deb is looking for long-term sponsor to commit \$5,000 to support the Artist Among Us park mural
 - Requested help from ACT members to pursue potential donors
- Deb to meet with NHS student to discuss "Passion Project" work in the Willey House Central Park
- Fundraising ideas
 - Discussion around if we can auction or sell pieces that we have gathered
 - Will look to display park art panels at Rec Connect event
 - Aimee to check on both items with Millspace
- Justin proposed Poetry event
 - Invite MFA students from UNH
 - Include events in the Arts in the Park series

6. Old Business

- Gr8 Restaurant outreach
 - Morgan and Ben following up with Oak House and Big Bean
- Artist Among Us event reminder
 - Unveiling new mural 5/30/24 to coincide with town Memorial Day parade
 - New work to be displayed by Natasha Nikareva
 - Fall mural design received from Ellen Fountain.
 - Existing art to be removed a week ahead of time

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Ben Reeder