



Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

In attendance: Debra Smith, Ben Reeder, Morgan Santos, Ben Buckley, Shannon Culpepper with Justin Glazebrook & Pam Myers Morgan (Zoom)

1. Accepted of Minutes of 5/7/24

2. Financial Update

- a. NHSA & LRAC Grants expenditure-: \$1000 for finalist creative fees and \$2100 for Interweave program
- b. Town Budget expenses- \$989 printing of pocket park mural panels

3. Willey House Park Project Update

- a. Permission to paint utility box denied by Eversource. Alternate recommendation: install a bench to be funded by Eversource Community Grant. Grant application for \$2500 submitted May 22 approval pending. Motion to proceed with design of bench by artist to camouflaged utility box held until grant is approved.
- b. Community Engagement Interweave Series. Dates Scheduled & Community Weir art piece locations presented, e.g., Town Hall display cases and Parks & Rec. meeting room.
- c. Photo Campaign via Better World fundraising tool launched at RecConnect. Printed QRcode cards for distribution at restaurants and events. Deadline for submissions is August 1. Cards given to members to distribute amongst community. Model release to be updated to ensure all individuals pictured grant permission to publish picture submitted. Rules of Contest reviewed. Following edits suggested: add historical photos welcome and add note if photo from phone, send full resolution jpeg.
- d. Willey House Mural Subcommittee Minutes of May 13 & May 21 Approved (see attached).
- e. Muralist, Alex Edgerly selected by unanimous vote on May 21. Mural design unveiled at RecConnect & received many positive comments including recommendation to merchandise design. Letter of Agreement drafted.
Motion to accept Letter of Agreement and send to Alex Edgerly for signature. Approved unanimously
- f. Photo Education Classes- July 19, 2pm library. Shannon to coordinate promotion and try to schedule additional classes.

4. Artist Among Us Pocket Park

- a. Park Sponsorship declined by American Legion. Proposal submitted to VFW pending.
- b. 2024 Mural panels & mini art gallery display by Natasha Dikareva unveiled May 30.
 - i. Motion to approve 8 mural panel printing cost \$898.
- c. Sundays in the Park proposal by Shannon Culpepper. Motion: To advertise \$25/Sunday rental of the display panels to local artists. Approved Unanimously. Shannon to coordinate promotion.

5. Backyard Bash

- a. Fundraising Plan & Best of Photos Contest. After discussion, commission voted to sell donated art via tea cup raffle.

6. New Business

- a. Presentation by Marcus Weinfurter of potential ideas for Historical Society Tools Metal Sculpture was well received. Commission agreed to delay any planning sessions until funding is secured.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Smith, Chair