



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, August 7 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Justin Glazebrook, Morgan Santos, Aimee Gigandet & Ben Reeder (via Zoom). Missing: Ben Buckley

Acceptance of Minutes of 7/2/24

Acceptance of Ed Hicks, Alternate Member's Resignation

Financial Update

Eversource Grant – Willey House Bench \$1750

Photo Contest & Donations- \$503.00 (received 32 donations & 178 photos)

Expense Approvals- Signage \$378 (photo contest & Ice Cream Social) & Ice Cream Social supplies \$81.00. No invoice from Sprinkled on Main or Tipsy Tabby.

Motion to reimburse Debra Expenses Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve 2nd payment to Alex Edgerly for mural design completion. Approved unanimously.

Art in the Park Sundays- \$25 (one reservation received)

Commission members requested a revised Financial Report to ensure clarity of remaining balances. Debra to update & distribute report within next 24 hours.

Old Business

1. Willey House Park Project Update

- a. Community Engagement Interweave Series-Community Weir installed at Town Hall. Motion to create 3 mosaic canvas prints for Library, Town Hall & Sunrise Center. Final LRAC report needs to be drafted in order to obtain final grant payment.
- b. Willey House Mural Subcommittee Minutes of July 31 accepted unanimously.
- c. Mini Art Gallery Concept- follow-up with Avery. Debra received samples of her artwork which were acceptable. Gallery is being constructed and will be delivered to Avery for painting by unveiling.
- d. Master Plan Survey- all encouraged to respond and share link with friends. Save Date- Sept 14 for public input at Newmarket Jr/Sr High.
- e. Unveiling Event- Schedule & Content. Debra to confirm with Town Manager if he wants to be present. If so, what are alternate dates to Sept. 28th.

2. Summer Events

- a.** Backyard Bash Summary- Raised \$82.05 including raffle. Unexpected storm cut event short. AC&T donated Sue Anne Bottomley's "Doors of Newmarket" to the Parks & Rec raffle.
- b.** Ice Cream Social & Best of Photos Contest Summary- Photo Contest Voting- \$194.62. Discussed extending the acceptance of resident photos and continuation of voting with announcement at the unveiling. As per discussion with Alex Edgerly, we will not accept any more pictures so that she can work on final print file. We will close voting at the final Arts in the Park concert on Aug. 21st. Shannon & Morgan will manage voting and announce winners at event. Prizes to be awarded are: \$250 1st place, \$100 2nd place & \$50 3rd place.
- c.** Art in the Park Sundays Update- We had one artist sign-up during August.

New Business

- 1. Blight Ordinance (condemned building still standing unoccupied) and Main Street Business Maintenance- Commission did not want to take a position on either of these items. It was suggested that Debra can draft letter to Town Council independent from Commission.
- 2. NBA representative- Shannon resigned need another representative. It was suggested that since Aimee already represents Town at meetings, she will also represent AC&T. Email advising NBA to be sent.
- 3. Calendar proposal presented by Shannon. Commission will review proposal at Sept. meeting and calendars can be ordered at the mural unveiling. There is no cost to AC&T as we will only print exactly what has been ordered.
- 4. Budget- Discussed what project we want to take on in 2025-26. Unlikely that we will receive an increase to our current \$5000 budget. Further discussion required some of which will depend upon Community survey responses.

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Smith