



Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Town Hall Council Chambers

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Debra Smith, Justin Glazebrook, Aimee Gigandet, Ben Reeder, Ben Buckley & Sue Anne Bottomley. **Missing:** Shannon Culpepper & Bart McDonough **Guest:** Kerrie Diers, Strafford Planning

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Doug Spicher welcomed as new Alternate Commission member

Minutes of 10/1/24 accepted unanimously

October Financial Report accepted unanimously with note that overspent grant amounts to be taken from AC&T town budget. Currently have \$3038.45 remaining in all 2024/25 accounts. Grant final reports have been submitted to both NHSCA and LRAC.

Correspondence

Debra received email from Lela Love, longtime resident & previous owner of Durgin building. She has a foundation and expressed interest in ACT&T future projects. Family previously donated money to library. Her mother-in-law is featured in library mural inside building. Further conversations to be pursued.

Debra received email from local artist about exhibiting in Willey House min art gallery. Follow-up required to redirect him to Artist Among Us Pocket park gallery.

Old Business

1. Willey House Park Project Update

- a. Lights for mural- Received three bids for electrical installation. Steve (Town Manager) committed funds to make up shortfall for electrician fee to install three lights donated by Mike Hoffman over mural. We raised \$233 at unveiling for lights. ACT voted to cover \$250 from our trustee account for electrician fee from our unrestricted trust account.
- b. Parks & Rec department to purchase chess tables for park. Aimee to place the order for two concrete chess tables. Tables have a 12 weeks delivery time. Discussed best time tables should arrive. All agreed May would be best. Aimee & Bart to assume responsibility for coordinating paver installation to help stabilize tables & minimize small pebbles all over road.

2. **Master Plan-** Kerrie reviewed input received thus far from public and experts. Requested volunteers to work with her and Bart on draft of ACT chapter. Members to consider assignment and let Debra know if interested.

New Business

1. Merchandising Mural Image- Shannon designed a 2025 calendar. Since she wasn't at meeting, Commission agreed to review her final design via email so that it could be promoted to public asap before holidays. Newmarket calendar - QR code, to generate revenue for ACT. No expenditure on our part for this activity.
2. MillSpace shuts down November-March due to cost to heat space. No events planning during this time period.

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm. Next meeting Tuesday, December 3.

Respectfully submitted, Morgan Santos