



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:02pm

In attendance: Geraldine Bresnahan, Linda Ziarnowski, Pam Myers-Morgan, Justin Glazebrook, Debra Smith, Ben Reeder, Doug Spichter and Aimee Gigandet (late arrival 6:45pm)

Acceptance of Minutes of 8/12/25 Justin motioned; Doug seconded approved unanimously.

August Financial Report

Balance \$10,399.17

Lincoln performer already paid \$400.00

Outstanding expense \$225.00 for photo contest prizes

Lincoln performance was well received by 5th graders and 8th graders. High school students asked to view the performance as well and were allowed if it did not conflict with their schedules.

Old Business

1. Community Sing- Oct. 15, 6-7:30pm NHS reserved (Linda). Charlotte Tamanaha to accompany with piano. ACT commission was asked to provide a \$500.00 budget for the event. This is to cover sheet music, promotion, refreshments, decorations and unforeseen costs.

Justin made a motion to spend no more than \$500 out of our ACT Budget line item for this event, Doug seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

We are requesting that the Rec publicize the event on their sign and in their newsletter. Aimee agreed upon arrival.

2. Pocket Park Mural – Ben reached out to Alonzo Clarke and he would love to participate. Art in progress and we are still on target to have digital files ready to print by Wednesday October 1st.

Discussed Halloween pumpkin carving for flipping of the mural on Halloween Haunt nite Oct.25

Ben Reeder motioned to spend no more than \$75 on candy for the Halloween event, Pam seconded and unanimously approved.

3. 300th Sculpture

Debra shared new information regarding gear parts & 7/1 Questions. Nobody is currently committed to using the parts. The parts that we thought were available, some of which are actually needed for future repairs, so the material that is actually available to us is less. The consensus is that the commission is still interested in moving forward with the sculpture project.

4. Elm Street Mural Update

T-Mobile grant application was rejected for this year.

MVSB.com/community involvement is another grant that is available. Debra is looking into

applying for this grant.

- a. Community Presentation 9/8 by Historical Society- The presentation was well attended and quite informative. Doug would like Pam to do another presentation just for the commission and potentially record this presentation for use while we seek public support for the project. Aimee asked if it could be broken down into 5-minute segments for social media. Pam will let us know when she has time and we will reach out to Tim Cremen to ask about recording the presentation for website posting.
- b. Next Steps- Collaboration with NCD & Main Street Corp. Meeting Oct. 12
- c. Question asked: "Is the wall in disarray and requiring repair?" Suggested we should ask the town engineer for walk- through and make sure that it doesn't currently pose a safety concern.

New Business

1. Art Triangle Proposal: DPW to be in charge of managing what will be posted on the new triangle. The frame is to be welded steel. Objectives of the triangle:
 1. Continuous exposure of the art from Pocket Park
 2. Messaging board for town events
 3. A solution to no longer need the banners around town
 4. Steve would like several in town, but we want to do one to start.
 5. The first one to be installed for the October 25th event.

Suggested locations: In front of Willey house, Arbor Park, the library in one of several locations. Where the cannon is in front of Bay Rd. Near Newberry Farms. At the end of Gerry Ave. Where it meets 108.

Justin made a motion to send a proposal to the town manager for the creation of the Art Triangle costing \$650 to be installed in or adjacent to Arbor Park for town messages and displaying of art. Doug seconded this motion passed unanimously.

2. Creighton Street Pump Station Mural Suggestion (Joe Lamattina) Consensus is that this is a very interesting idea but at this time we are tabling conversations until more is known about what is happening to that building with the pumping station being moved to New Road.
3. Lunch with new Library Director, Andrew Richmond. Debra to schedule with one other ACT member attending.
4. 2026-27 Budget

Discussed how the funds we received for this year were meant for a project that was not completed, and those funds will be used for other projects. The commission agreed that this year's budget request should remain the same as last year, to cover ongoing costs associated with existing projects and further projects in town in the coming year. Debra to draft budget proposal accordingly for presentation to Bill Tappan and Steve.

Adjourned 8:08PM