



Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, July 1 at 6 pm
Town Hall Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Call to order 6:03PM

In attendance: Doug Spicher, Geraldine Bresnahan, Pam Myers-Morgan, Debra Smith, Aimee Gigandet, Ben Reeder and Justin Glazebrook

Acceptance of Minutes of 6/3/25 - Pam motioned and Doug seconded that motion. Unanimously approved.

June Financial Report

AC&T 2025-26 Funds & Budget Review -

\$7,000 deposit from the town budget available July 1st.

\$58 on the raffle for the picture donated by Shannon Culpepper.

\$510.00 Auction bids so far.

Correspondence

Letters of Support for Elm Street Renovation (Chinburg, Fournier, Provost & Love)
Possibility of a more long-term art piece downtown to display art along with a message board for town events and notices. Could be a good project for the 300th, first art displayed to be part of that commemoration.

Accepted Ben Buckley's resignation. One alternate commission now open.

Old Business

1. Art in the Heart of Newmarket- Art Studio & Garden Tour
 - a. Retrospective Tour & Art Walk
Pam believes the walk happened on a hot day and traffic downtown seemed to suffer a bit because of this. It was spread out and the hours ran long for this type of event.

Paint Supplies for Paint a Rock activity need to be reassessed as they were running low.

Gardens had steady flow throughout the day.

There was some feedback to include date and time on more of the lawn signs for the tour as it was not clear in all cases when the event was going to be.
 - b. Art Auction (\$510 online bids)- close of bidding 8/5

2. Community Sing- no progress at this time but still pursuing. Potential date October 15th
3. 300th Sculpture
 - a. RFP Draft Review

The RFP should be narrower, and we should think about giving a more defined request like a specific topic or people, etc.

More info needed before proceeding with this project: Discuss intent with Mike Provost and NCDC regarding available funds. Pam to talk to Mike and Doug to reach out through Mainstreet Corp for a NCDC contact. Debra to check on Filion park location possibility. Continue discussion at next meeting.
4. Elm Street Project Overview
 - a. Grant Applications- Debra submitted application for \$50,000 TMobile Hometown grant on 6/30/25

Pam has photographs of the original art when it was in better condition to potentially exhibit during the project planning.
5. Upcoming ACT Activities- Assignments
 - a. 2026 Photo Contest- "It's Reigning Cats & Dogs"
 - b. Backyard Bash- Friday, August 1 Voting for animal photos and selling merchandise.

Chess table QR codes are live on the tables and give information on where to check out the sets to play. Ribbon cutting and chess tournament coming this summer, date TBD by Rec. Dept.
 - c. Ice Cream Social- Tuesday, August 5
 - d. A local artist is interested in doing a children's book about the Old Man on the mountain as it relates to this town. This artist also is interested in having a dinner party at their house to show their art collection.
 - e. Gerry is waiting for more information from Millspace on when the meetings are supposed to occur so she can represent the ACT commission there.

New Business

Pam motioned to move next meeting to August 12 at 6pm, Doug seconded unanimously approved.

Adjourned 7:49pm