



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:04pm

In attendance; Debra Smith, Linda Ziarnowski, Doug Spicher, Geraldine Bresnahan, Aimee Gigandet and Ben Reeder via zoom.

Acceptance of Minutes of 9/9/2025 Doug Motioned; Linda seconded approved unanimously.

September Financial Report

Starting Balance; \$10,401.33

October Expenses projected; Community Sing \$500, Halloween Haunt \$125, Pocket Park Mural Printing \$986. Total of \$1611

Correspondence

Steve Fournier re: Downtown Triangle Signs Proposal approved

Judi Case application to join ACT Commission as alternate

Thank you from Superintendent Todd Allen for Lincoln presentations

Community Input

Black Crow Collective unable to join meeting. Rescheduled for next meeting.

New Business

1. 2025-26 Project Proposal- Debra proposed 250th Mosaic Mural Project in replacement of the metal sculpture and previously proposed Library project that was not accepted. The price for 8'x8', 350-piece tile mosaic DIY kit is \$4,995. Each tile kit is to be sold to local individuals or groups for \$10 each. Each person or group can create their own representation using the colors and materials included in the kit. Discussion of kit image followed.
 - a. Location; the proposed location for the mosaic mural is on the Mill Building #6 foundation located across from the main entrance of 55 Main Street.
 - b. Selected image of two trees entwined indicating roots of a community and how it comes together as a collective unit creating a cohesive society. Since we are changing our project focus for 2025-26, a presentation is planned for Town Manager & Town Council.
 - c. Before placing order, Debra to confirm the following:
 - a) Warranty of mural life, sealant/waterproof recommendation for tiles, next available printing after Nov. 1, 2025, the approval of the owner of the wall, Mr. Chinburg and the approval/acceptance of Blooming Newmarket.
2. Doug made a motion to accept the Mosaic Mural for our 2025-2026 project for the 250th anniversary, Linda seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. **2026-27 Budget-** Debra noted that last month budget submission was rushed and was drafted based upon Councilor Glazebrook's recommendation to request same budget as previous year. Based

upon new information provided by Town Engineer, Lindsay Butler and review of Elm Street project artwork shared in the New Market Historical Society presentation, it was recommended that we revise our 2026-27 project focus to include renovation/restoration approach and abandon the need to totally repair the wall. Discussion followed regarding application of 12 two-sided mural panels similar to the Pocket Park so that ACT can focus its funding on the art and not the structure. Plus, the panels are removable and will be printed on both sides so that we can change up the display over time including 300th anniversary graphic images. This revised focus requires that we increase our budget request from \$7000 to \$10,000. The Elm Street project is estimated at \$15,500 and will include carryover proceeds from the Mosaic Mural project (\$3500). Commission unanimously approved this budget revision contingent upon the following.

Next Steps required:

- Present revised budget to Town Manager with project description
 - Advise Town Council of Elm Street Mural Approach
 - Meet with E. Chinburg about the plan and request support, including snow removal modifications.
 - Engage local landscape architect to develop mural panel plan which will enhance streetscape
 - Develop project launch presentation to the community
2. **Community Sing- Oct. 15** is ready to go with advertisements on the Recreation Board, High School Board, Face Book ads, etc. To date, there are 30 registered tickets. Doug and Linda have worked on this project and expenses are well under approved \$500 budget.
 3. **Holiday Haunt-** Oct. 25 at the Pocket Park with the unveiling of the mural. Ben Reeder will head this event. Linda and Justin will assist and Pam and Doug are possible back up.
 4. **Art Triangle-** Approved by Town Manager and first one under construction for delivery by 10/25
 5. **Proposed Projects-** Craig Street Pump station mural and the 300th sculpture have been tabled.

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded.
Adjourned 8:08pm

Next meeting Nov. 4, 2025

Respectfully submitted by
Gerry Bresnahan