



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6 pm
Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:04PM

In attendance: Doug Spicher, Ben Reeder, Pam Myers-Morgan, Gerry Bresnahan, Linda Ziarnowski, Judi Case, Justin Glazebrook, Debra Smith and Aimee Gigandet

Acceptance of Minutes of 10/6/25

Pam motioned; Doug seconded and Justin abstained. Vote passed 6-0-1

Oct. Financial Report

Expenses: \$1416.91

Income: \$64 from raffle

Pam motioned to give some additional payments to some of the volunteers that put in a lot of work for the event. The total amount of \$150 would be split among the volunteers. Gerry seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

2026-27 Budget Update: Of the total which ACT requested (\$7,000), plus \$11,000 for fireworks from the Rec Department, only \$15,000 was approved which leaves ACT with \$4,000 according to Aimee for 2026-27 projects. Debra is going to draft an email to the Town Manager asking how we can proceed with asking for additional funding for the Elm St. project. This request is based upon previous recommendations that the town could try to help make our project funding work.

NOTE: In the future, we should plan to start budget planning in July so we are ready to submit when it is due to the Town Manager beginning of September.

Welcome

Gerry Bresnahan- Commission Member

Judi Case- Commission Alternative

Old Business

1. Event Retrospectives

- a. Community Sing- Oct. 15, 6-8pm NHS (Linda & Doug) - The consensus among commission members was that this was a success and should host again. 23 attendees filled out feedback forms, 100% positive feedback from the public. We had 59 people registered on Eventbrite. Out of those, we had 27 registrants present. With the additional walk-ins we had 63 total attendees. All supported a spring 2026 event not holiday sing. Doug submitted the \$213 expenses and requested additional \$150 be distributed to the outstanding volunteers. All approved checks vs gift card disbursement.
- b. Pocket Park Mural & Halloween Haunt- Oct. 25 4-6pm (Ben) Pam would like us to have a sign for this event moving forward as it was not clear who we were to those that came to

the park. Debra thinks it should be a sign that represents us without being event specific so that it can be used at other events. Next year we will need more candy corn for the votes as one big bag was not enough.

Pam motioned to have \$100 spent on signage for the commission to be displayed at our events. Doug seconded; it was unanimously approved.

2. 250th Mural Mosaic Community Proposal (Debra)

a. Vendor Q&A

How long will it last? 8–10-year lifespan when it is sun facing

How difficult is it to install? Installation is simple, screws and anchors, and the guide that comes with it is thorough.

How early should we order something we want at the start of next year? It is best to put the order in now and ask for delivery in January rather than wait to order.

b. Location Discussion & Approval – Chinburg has given approval to put this mosaic mural on the wall near to the Blooming Newmarket garden across from the Watershed restaurant. Ben mentioned that the ivy that grows there will be something that we must deal with repeatedly. Gerry to reach out to Blooming Newmarket to see what their thoughts are on having the mural on the wall taking the place of where the wreath is normally.

c. Timeline Discussion & Approval - After speaking with the library and the Sunrise Sunset senior center, the community engagement timeline appears to be February to begin painting the tiles. There are 350 tiles which are to be sold to the public to paint and have them on the finished project.

d. Pam has motioned that this be the project that we adopt for our 250th celebration and Gerry seconded this to pay \$4999 to the Mural Mosaic USA company and start our order hoping to have it printed for January delivery though the timeline varies. Unanimous approval.

3. Elm Street Mural Update

a. Meeting with Erik Chinburg 11/3 (Debra) Erik Chinburg supported the proposed renovation approach and agreed to fund the steps at the end of Elm Street near the library.

b. Meeting with NCDC 10/22 (Pam & Doug) The project would consist of sandblasting the wall and painting a base coat. Then, on top of the wall, there would be frames installed like we have in the pocket park and in the frames would be images from the current art that is on the wall. The images would not be quite as large as what they are currently since they will be uniform, and the wall varies in height. Mike Provost donated \$500 in honor of his wife. The request was a donation from NCDC for \$5,000 for the wall repair and prep as well as another \$5,000 for the stairs near the library at the end of the wall.

c. Next steps are to plan the dates to socialize this project and the history of the original art to the general public.

4. Art Triangle Construction Update (Debra) - Final pieces have been welded and sent out for powder coating. First triangle to be installed next week in Arbor Park. Amy to coordinate first event promotion banner to be displayed on triangle.

New Business

1. Office Art Curator Proposal (Gerry) - Gerry and Debra have come up with an idea to curate some art for Newmarket Dental. They will figure out coordinating with artists to bring 10-15 new pieces of art to the building and change them out every quarter of the year. They proposed \$500 for the year, and there is interest from other offices in doing the same. The Commission voiced many concerns around who will maintain this arrangement long term, liability, and how quickly it might grow if it was opened to other businesses. Pam motioned to do a trial year with

Newmarket Dental with Gerry at the helm, Gerry seconded and the vote passed 6-0-1. All voted in favor besides Justin, abstaining from the vote.

2. Moody Point Bulletin Board Donation (Aimee) – Debra secured an exterior Moody Point bulletin board, which was going to be disposed of, and coordinated with Aimee to relocate it to Rec. Dept. Aimee and the DPW to coordinate installation of this free asset to be used to promote various town events.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Glazebrook