



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm

Town Hall Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:04pm

In attendance; Debra Smith, Linda Ziarnowski, Doug Spichter, Geraldine Bresnahan, Judi Case, Aimee Gigandet and Ben Reeder all via zoom because of snowstorm. Missing: Justin Glazebrook

Acceptance of Minutes of 10/6/2025 Pam Motioned; Gerry seconded approved unanimously.

November Financial Report

Town Budget Balance-0

Trust Account Balance- \$1410.17

Eversource Grant Balance- \$1609.70

Total Available Funds- \$3019.87

Meeting summary

The group reviewed various art projects and initiatives, including a mural mosaic project, promotional panels to promote the Main Street Art Corridor, and a sculpture for the triangle structure. The ACT Commission approved funding for several projects and discussed event planning, including a March Community Sing event and a potential Flag Day unveiling for 250th new mural.

Next steps

- [Doug: delivered \\$150 checks and thank you notes to Community Sing recipients](#)
- [Debra and Amy: schedule budget review meeting to reconcile financial numbers](#)
- [Doug: work with Amy/Alyssa to explore creating event pages on town website or provide QR code for panel](#)
- [Amy: talk to Alyssa about website capabilities for Arts Commission pages](#)
- [Debra: design promotional panel content for triangle display by January](#)
- [Amy: check if mosaic mural packages have arrived at rec center](#)
- [Debra, Linda, and Gerry: meet to open mosaic packages and plan painting events once boxes arrive](#)
- [Linda: contact Todd to confirm if Becky Cole received information about mosaic painting](#)
- [Amy: provide dates for rec center art academy mosaic painting sessions](#)
- [Amy: schedule open public mosaic painting night at community center](#)

- [Pam: reach out to Caitlin at Millspace about availability for June 14th and 21st for 250th mosaic mural unveiling event](#)
- [Linda: check school graduation schedule for June planning](#)
- [Pam, Doug, and Linda: meet again to finalize spring community sing plans and report back in January](#)
- [Debra: authorize Marcus to create one sculpture for triangle at \\$750](#)
- [Pam and Doug: meet to coordinate Historical Society presentation with handoff to Doug for future plans](#)
- [Judy: send January 12th meeting invite with attachment for 250th planning](#)

250th Mosaic Mural Project Budget and Design

Debra and Amy discussed the financial aspects of a mural mosaic project, noting discrepancies in budget calculations and the need for further review. Total cost was \$5150 including shipping. Pam suggested placing informational banners on both sides of a triangle panel to improve visibility, and the group considered options for replacing or reusing existing art panels. Debra emphasized the urgency of addressing the panel replacement due to an upcoming event in January, while Pam proposed giving more thought to the design to avoid reusing previously exhibited art. Commission agreed unanimously to print one panel and authorized \$235 expense for 2-sided print, but if one side is significantly less, print only one side.

Based on the meeting discussion, here's the timeline for mosaic mural project:

January 2025: Kickoff painting session with invited community leaders' at Town Hall
 February-April 2025: Scheduled painting sessions at: Library (50 tiles); Senior Center (20 tiles); Rec Center art programs (20+ tiles); Various community groups (Boy Scouts, schools, churches);
 Add Open Public sessions at rec center in April- TBD
 June 14, 2026 (Flag Day) unveiling with accompanying Community Sing at Millspace (pending availability confirmation) Backup date: June 21st

Main Street Art Corridor Promotion

The group discussed creating a promotional panel for the Main Street Art Corridor on the new triangle. They decided to print one side of the panel only if significantly less than \$235, with the other side remaining blank for future use. Otherwise, authorized printing both sides. Doug will work on creating a QR code that links to their website or Facebook page. The panel will feature a welcome message and information to drive people to webpage about upcoming events.

Debra reported raising \$10,499 in November through donations and grants. She also mentioned plans to sell 350 tiles for the mosaic mural to raise an additional \$3,500. This would bring their budget for the

next fiscal year to \$7,500, assuming ACT 2026-27 budget of \$4,000 remains unchanged. Aimee to consult Bill Tappin to determine how to cover predicted \$6000 shortfall for Elm St. renovation outlined in email to Town Manager on 12/1/25.

Projects Update

The Arts Commission discussed several projects and initiatives. Approved \$750 for metal artist, Markus Weinfurter, to create a sculpture for the first triangle structure, with a preference for a bird design (either osprey or cormorant with outstretched wings). Based upon acceptance of first sculpture, ACT will authorize creation of a second sculpture both of which will be paid from the remaining Eversource grant funds.

Reviewed plans for a Community Sing event in March at Millspace and discussed potential dates for unveiling a new mural. Subcommittee to meet and present plan at next meeting.

Also discussed promoting mini art gallery exhibits for the holidays on Facebook.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted by

Debra Smith with Zoom AI assistance