



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arts, Culture & Tourism Commission

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Town Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Debra Smith, Pam Myers-Morgan, Linda Ziarnowski, Gerry Bresnahan, Doug Spicher, Heather Pederson, Judi Case, Aimee Gigandet & Stella McShera

Welcome to Heather Pederson (alternate member) - Debra Smith introduced new commission alternate and informed us that we have one open slot as a Commission alternate.

Acceptance of Minutes of 6/2/26 meeting

Gerry motioned to accept and Judi seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financial Report

1. Debra presented the financial report, which is attached to these minutes.
2. Various budget line items were clarified
3. Debra requested a reimbursement of \$155.01 for expenses related to the Mural Unveiling
4. Doug Spicher requested the following disbursements for the Community Sing: Sheet Music \$28.11; \$125 to Charlotte Tamanaha, the accompanist; \$40 to Dan Cocci who ran the media -total expense \$193.11
5. Stella Shearer moved to reimburse both amounts and the motion carried.
6. Deb reported that there will be additional installation expenses of approximately \$350 for reinstallation of the 250th Mosaic Mural.
7. Stella moved to approve up to \$350 for the frame; Gerry seconded and the motion carried.
8. LGT Restoration has given us an estimate of \$15,000 for preparation of the Elm Street wall upon for the new mural panels. The quote includes materials, labor, site protection, wall-face cleaning and preparation, including caulking cracks. All work should be completed by September.
9. Judi made the motion to authorize the \$15000 contract with LGT Restoration, Doug Spicher seconded and the motion passed. Deb will initiate the contract, with input from Chinburg relating to liability release.

Correspondence

1. Contacted by The Street Art List, which listed our Elm Street Mural Project RFP on their site with an Open Call
2. Heather Pederson is going to send the RFP out to Seacoast Outright

Old Business

Art Triangles

- a. 4 triangles are now up and in place; all have panels except for the one at the library. 3 have sculptures
- b. Markus Weinfurter and Ben Reeder are providing images for the library triangle. The Town will be paying for the panel printing.
- c. The work of 8 artists is now available for the triangles
- d. Discussed QR Codes for artist credits
- e. A matching grant of \$500 has been offered for the 4th sculpture if a Lamprey Eel is depicted. The offer was unanimously rejected.
- f. Other animals were discussed for the 4th sculpture e.g. owl, ducks, heron. Commission to vote via email.
- g. Heather Pederson volunteered a matching grant of \$500 for the 4th sculpture. Debra to advertise matching grant in town newsletter on FB.

250th Mosaic Mural

- a. Ed Fountain will be making a metal frame for the permanently mural mounting, which should be up shortly after July 13th.
- b. New installation plan has been approved by Department of Public Works.

Elm Street Mural Project

- a. Budget Review – Masonry Contract Quote & Award; See above financial notes.
- b. LGT Restoration is also the company doing the renovation of the library steps for Chinburg, which will be in by September 12, 2026.
- c. Same company will be recapping the top of the wall as a donation. Chinburg has approved both the repair and capping.
- d. Lisa Zhee, president Library Board of Trustees, reached out via email with some concerns about the library pavilion portion of the Elm Street Project. Deb responded with clarifications and suggested a meeting. Meeting set for Monday, July 27th, at 6 pm. Deb and Pam will attend.
- e. Community Painting Event/ Dance Party- Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 (Library Collaboration)
 1. Community will be invited to paint the wall in preparation for the mural installation in 2027
 2. Deb will be meeting with Andy and Lauren from the library staff about co-hosting the event. The meeting is Friday, July 10, 2026.
 3. Event start time 3pm
 4. There will be music and dancing. Will be looking for a DJ and food.
 5. Deb will create a sub-committee to plan the event.
- f. Fundraiser with NBA
 1. Deb and Amy have both reached out to NBA members in passing about collaborating to reach out to business owners who are featured on the mural about purchasing signed prints of panels that have their business on them.
 2. Judi Case is going to reach out to Karen Schuster about the idea.
 3. Unveiling Block Party – June 4, 2027 (300th Committee Collaboration)
 4. Judi presented preliminary plans for the unveiling weekend and the Heritage Festival. Those plans are attached.

Artist Among Us Pocket Park

1. Christy Hughes will be the May 2027 artist
2. Historic Images from the 300th will be feature in Oct. 2026

2027-2028 Budget Request submitted to Finance Director

New Business

1. Discussed the possibility of a mural on the old water pump station (this idea had been considered by the Commission previously, but was raised again by Joe Lamatina.) Currently no funds for this project. Stella to ask Joe if Conservation Commission can provide funding & ACT will manage project.
2. Gerry brought up the possibility of something like a music park (Littleton, NH has one.)

Adjourned at 8:30pm after motion by Stella McShera

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Myers-Morgan

June Financial Report

Trust Checking Account	\$16,101.85
Eastern Checking Account	\$21.72
LRAC Grant Account	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
Total	\$19,873.57

June Deposits Pending

300 th Committee	\$500.00
250 th Donations	<u>\$36.00</u>
Subtotal	\$536.00

June Expenses Paid

Mosaic Mural Expenses	-\$259.42
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June Balance \$20,150.15

July Income

Rec Dept Tiles	\$200.00
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July Expenses Projected

2Day Banner (Elm St)	\$122.12
Lowes (bolts)	\$19.90
Harbor Freight (tarp)	<u>\$12.99</u>
Subtotal	-\$155.01

Projected Income

LRAC Grant Balance	\$3750.00
2026-27 Budget	<u>\$4000.00</u>
Total	\$7750.00

Total Funds Available in FY2026-27 \$27,945.14