

Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

April 27, 2021 5:30 pm

Draft meeting minutes

This meeting was held from 5:30 pm to 6:16 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Todd Hearon, Scott Ruffner,, Mary-Paige Provost, Marissa Vitolo, Anne Kenny, Bruce Jones (Alt), Bob Glowacky - Exeter TV

Absent: Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Select Board Representative, Anthony Callendrello, Dawn Amey, David Drouin (Alt)

1. Call to order

2. Review/Approval of April 13, 2021 minutes

-motion to approve as written - approved

3. New Business

a. Status report on web-based events calendar

-TEAM has Arts and Culture Guide to help us moving forward

-Anne Kenny

- bought a domain www.exeterartsandculture.com

- calendar and static website

-Carmel, IN big arts & culture small town. Check this out:

<https://www.visithamiltoncounty.com/events/festivals/>

- Best Calendar to model - ease of use and ease of

search:<https://www.nhpr.org/community-calendar/events/create>

-Website name suggestions: www.exeterartsandculture.com; www.exeterartsandculturenh.com

-Standing information on arts and cultural places in town idea is well liked by committee

-EACAC cannot create the website ourselves

-can be added to town website

-How do we share information within the group without having a quorum?

-Could a FB page be created where events could be posted - admins would be approved based on their connection to arts/culture?

-admins or co-hosts

-this would have to be created by Joe Public as well

-Next step - create a list of arts/culture event (based on what .pdf above)

-find a volunteer to make a website possibly???

-Scott will compare lists from TEAM guide and .pdf

b. Update on Founder's Park sculpture

- news articles attached in packet related to the history of this statue - \$30,000 from town

-part of earlier Library project

-Hope from the Library has a file related to this sculpture but this is in storage due to Library reno

-Bruce went to assess piece

-deterioration - water infiltration; caulking

-restoration chemicals could pollute the river

-waiting to find out what was used previously (in file) so the proper chemicals could be used for further preservation

-Mary went to visit Historical Society regarding info about sculpture

-educational piece filled with symbolism

-Scott met with Parks and Rec - no funding to restore

-advise town to find budget to restore preservation of Exeter's public art

-needs to be stabilized soon

-Todd - can we advise to reinstitute the history of this piece - preserve the intentional memory of this piece

-How can the town re-educate it's towns-people regarding the history/symbolism of this piece?
-plaque; sign?

c. Update on citizen input process

-form to communicate to be created and placed on the EACAC Town Page

-Is an email address okay?

-right now we have comments from FB live or people can call-in

-let the community know that we are here to advise on artistic journey's as well - resources for new artists

4. Update on Funding

-list of recommendations for funding

-When does the town need this information?

-“Other Culture” budget set aside by the town

-some of these groups are committees and some are just groups that get monies from the town

-Previous Exeter Arts Committee had funding to help with shows - anything art related (\$3,000 - from town and from donations)

-funding for musicians for the bandstand was lost when this committee was dissolved

-art shows/Youth Art Month no longer funded - anything that occurs in the Town Hall Gallery was paid out of pockets of artists when committee dissolved

-What is the process to get funding again?

-Town Hall also needs updates so how can we re-invest back into town?

5. Other new business

6. For next Meeting

- Warrant Article (Bruce Jones)

-Swasey Parkway - What does the Trust say?

-uses - can this include public art?

-closed to traffic?

7. Adjourn - 6:16pm

8. Next meeting May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm