

## Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

September 14, 2021; 6:30 pm

### Draft meeting minutes

This meeting was held from 6:30 pm to 7:27pm in the Novak Room

**In attendance:** Marissa Vitolo, Bruce Jones, Mary Paige-Provost, Scott Ruffner, Dawn Amey, Todd Hearon

**Absent:** Dave Drouin, Anthony Callendrello, Lovey Roundtree Oliff (Select Board Representative)

1. Call to order 6:34pm
2. Review/Approval of August 10, 2021 meeting minutes
  - approved with additional notes
  - approved July 2021 notes as written
3. New Business
  - a. Update of Founders Park sculpture and potential grant
    - still waiting - processing and in motion - NH Council on the Arts
  - b. Proposed public art sculpture in Town House Common
    - Joe Gray offered to donate a granite sculpture to the Town of Exeter
      - Donate for Indigenous People's Day due to his Native American Heritage
      - Greg Bisson working with Public Works to make this happen and to make the site ready for the sculpture
        - Public Works/Parks and Rec cover costs of footing, base, etc...
      - Selectboard has to vote on accepting it as a donation and then takes ownership
        - plaque will be made: to be decided on what is included
      - proper documentation will be secured for restoration purposes in the future
      - unanimous vote to recommend this to adopt this sculpture
        - need to be on agenda for town meeting - in front of selectboard
      - Indigenous People's Day sparked by Phillips Exeter Academy student - could PEA donate the granite base? Todd/Scott to look into this.
        - Let's include PEA alum and students for dedication if possible
    - Meredith and Nashua have done public sculptures and may be willing to give EACAC some guidelines/tips
    - public art is typically submitted via a "call to artists": proposals with committee review and decision on who gets to make the art
    - Parks and Rec to create lighting and stage area to be added to Town House Common
      - Electrical and solar options
      - Public Works involvement
      - Food truck area already in place
  - c. Swasey Parkway Trust document and future use
    - Selectboard to create a warrant article to close Swasey Parkway
      - accessibility issues
    - frame it in an arts and culture lens: EACAC create a statement to present to the board
      - Mary to help write this
  - d. Town Hall Gallery permitting structure
    - EACAC to help Parks and Rec to create the application packet - guidelines/regulations
    - \$200 for any special event but there is also a daily rate
    - would one-off events clash with longer events??
    - rental money would go into Town Hall trust for future improvements/"furniture"
    - Mary to find out if Town Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places
  - e. Appointment of new permanent Commission Member
    - unanimous vote - Bruce Jones has accepted nomination
4. Adjourn - 7:26pm
5. Next Meeting October 12, 2021 6:30 pm