

## Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

December 14th, 2021; 6:30 pm

### Draft meeting minutes

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

**In attendance:** Anthony Callendrello, Marissa Vitolo, Bruce Jones, Scott Ruffner, Todd Hearon

**Absent:** Dawn Amey, Lovey Roundtree Oliff (Select Board Representative), Dave Drouin, Mary Paige-Provost

### AGENDA

1. Call to order - 6:34pm
2. Review/Approval of November 9th, 2021 meeting minutes
  - a. unanimous approval
3. Business
  - a. Short term goals
    - i. Update on Founders Park sculpture grant award
      1. \$20,000 grant
      2. Bruce, Greg, Tony met there early December
        - a. Alex Acosta brought out to do a story
        - b. Contractor has been contacted again for updates;
        - c. Scott to contact Hope at Library
          - i. has a box of items that have fallen from sculpture
          - ii. rededication in the spring
      3. Plaque on sculpture needs to be put into context
        - a. additional historical facts/explanation should be added
        - b. how should this be written?
          - i. Todd can help and possibly coordinate with Historical Society
    - ii. Town Hall – Activities to date/capital improvements priorities
      1. survey results presented to Selectboard by Tony on 12/6
      2. Selectboard showed interest:
        - a. Russ (Town Manager) calling together a meeting with stakeholders to set priorities - this includes EACAC
  - b. Potential town meeting warrant articles
    - i. Naming of Arts and Culture Commission as expenditure agent
      1. proposed by Russ (Town Manager)
    - ii. Non-capital reserve fund for Town Hall improvements:
      1. \$5000 proposed by Russ
      2. fees that are used to pay for the building go back into this fund
    - iii. Swasey Parkway closure and benefits/impacts on arts and culture
      1. Scott sent the letter, but it is still being considered
      2. Other committees may follow suit with sending a letter
  - c. Update on sculpture in Townhouse Common
    - i. will regroup for Spring
    - ii. Scott to chat with Joe Gray (sculptor) and Jeff Plympton (PEA)
    - iii. infrastructure there to eventually make art park with music
4. Other Business
  - a. Come to January 11th Meeting with goals for 2022
  - b. Youth Art Month - March 2022
    - i. Dates: Drop Off 3/8/22; Show - 12-13, 19-20, 26-27
  - c. Arts Portal/Calendar
  - d. Art/History Walk with plaques
  - e. Riverside art/music event
5. Adjourn: 7:17p